

CHIANG-LI DISPUTE OVER GOLD TRANSFER

Financial Resources Flown To Taiwan

LI'S CONDITIONS

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's disregard for Acting President General Li Tsung-jen's authority by transferring Nationalists' financial resources from Chungking to Taiwan brought about the present irreparable split between the two.

Reds Treating Britons Correctly

LONDON, November 24. The British Ambassador to China, Sir Ralph Stevenson, arrived from Karachi today and said the Chinese Communists were treating Britons correctly.

En route from China, he attended the Singapore conference of British Far East diplomats and officials.

The Ambassador is expected to comment on the question of British recognition of the Communist regime. — United Press.

Freighter Leaves For Shanghai

After successfully running through the Nationalist's blockade of Shanghai twice, the British freighter Louise Moller left the Colony at 5 p.m. yesterday on a third attempt under the command of Mr. T. A. Lupton who also commanded her on the former two trips.

The Louise Moller made her first run to Shanghai on October 28 with half a million gallons of gasoline for Caltex of Shanghai and returned to Hong Kong unscathed on November 2.

The second trip, though successful she sustained damage to her plates and bridge caused by eight 20 mm. shells fired by a Nationalist warship as she made a dash into the Yangtze Estuary on November 10.

On her way back to Hong Kong after her second visit to Shanghai she was stopped for some time by the Nationalist ships patrolling the Estuary. However after talking on 17 passengers transferred from the ship, she was allowed to proceed and arrived in the Colony on November 18.

During the six days she has been back in the Colony she has been damaged by the Nationalist ships. The damage received was repaired and a cargo consisting mostly of oil and gasoline was loaded in preparation for her third attempt which began yesterday.

TYPHOON ALLYN HITS TOKYO

Tokyo, November 24. The Pacific typhoon Allyn swept Tokyo today, flooding over 100 homes, but citizens thanked the storm.

Weathermen estimated that the typhoon caused enough rain to enable hydroelectric plants to generate a total of 500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, alleviating the current power shortage.

In the city of Tokyo a tidal wave in the wake of the typhoon, inundated 2,500 houses — United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0000 GMT (10 p.m. HKST) the typhoon is centered 450 miles ESE of Tokyo and is moving ESE at 15 knots. High pressure dominates the rest of the area.

Forecast: Light to moderate S.W. winds, occasional rain and squalls. Temperature 65-75 deg. F.

At 0600 GMT (10 a.m. HKST) the typhoon is centered 450 miles ESE of Tokyo and is moving ESE at 15 knots. High pressure dominates the rest of the area.

Forecast: Light to moderate S.W. winds, occasional rain and squalls. Temperature 65-75 deg. F.

At 1200 GMT (12 noon HKST) the typhoon is centered 450 miles ESE of Tokyo and is moving ESE at 15 knots. High pressure dominates the rest of the area.

Forecast: Light to moderate S.W. winds, occasional rain and squalls. Temperature 65-75 deg. F.

At 1800 GMT (6 p.m. HKST) the typhoon is centered 450 miles ESE of Tokyo and is moving ESE at 15 knots. High pressure dominates the rest of the area.

Forecast: Light to moderate S.W. winds, occasional rain and squalls. Temperature 65-75 deg. F.

Independent Nationalist sources told the "China Mail" last night that the Generalissimo transferred some 600,000 ounces of gold, belonging to the Nationalist Government, from Chungking to Taiwan.

He has refused to re-transfer the government's financial resources back to Chungking. The gold was part of the 800,000 ounces flown from Canton to Chungking before the Government abandoned the Kwangtung capital.

Hold China's Fate In Their Hands

The Generalissimo's four-man commission (headed by Deputy Premier Dr. Chiu Chia-hua) to General Li Tsung-jen had further talks with the Acting President yesterday at the Tai Wu Yuen Hospital.

Unconfirmed reports said that General Li was adamant in his refusal to return to Chungking immediately.

The reports added that he told the mission to return to Chungking. There they are to reiterate his wish that the Generalissimo should retire completely from all government affairs, return the financial resources from Taiwan, and to stop all behind-the-scenes activity.

The mission is due to return to Chungking today.

The sources discredited current speculation that General Li was organizing a second South West Political Council.

It is more likely, they said, that the Acting President is organizing a united front against Chiang and his clique with Generals Pai Chung-hsi, Chan Chai-tong, Yu Han-mow, Hsueh Yueh, and Lu Han to continue the war against the Chinese Communists.

Knowland To Visit Chungking

Manila, November 24. U.S. Senator William F. Knowland is expected to fly to Chungking from Hong Kong, probably Friday or Saturday, in an effort to contact Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and obtain first-hand information on the possibilities of continued Nationalist resistance to the Chinese Communists.

The Republican Senator of California told this to the Associated Press in Manila.

Later at a press conference, Mr. Knowland said he will attempt to reach Chiang Kai-shek wherever he can find him.

Mr. Knowland will depart for Hong Kong early tomorrow in an Army plane. As soon as arrangements can be made, he will embark on a Chinese Air Force or commercial plane for the interior of China. — Associated Press.

Poles In Paris Rounded Up For Questioning

Paris, November 24. A hundred Poles, police in 40 cars today raided the Polish Red Cross in Paris and the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Headquarters in check-up of Polish organizations in Paris.

(A French consular official, M. Andre Robineau, was arrested on Friday in Warsaw when about to leave by air.)

Ten people, it was officially stated, were today taken to the National Police headquarters for questioning, but none of them was detained.

Librarian Myszowski, Secretary to the Polish Military Attaché in Paris, who was detained by the French police on Tuesday, was still being questioned today. — Reuter.

French War Dead Honoured



Members of the Garde Republicaine, wearing their traditional uniforms of the Franco-Russian War (1870-71) period, parade past the tomb of the unknown soldier at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris during the Armistice Day observances. — (AP Photo).

Truce Disavowed In Batangas Battle

Manila, November 24. A local truce arranged at Batangas was disavowed by Constabulary and Government leaders in Manila who continued to pour reinforcements into the area 60 miles South of the capital, where 29 were reported dead in the previous days' fighting between the Constabulary and an estimated 600 armed disidents.

President Elpidio Quirino's Press spokesman told newsmen today that the Nacionalista Party Governor, Feliciano Levista of Batangas Province should initiate any truce proposals with the Secretary of the Interior, Sotero Baluyut, who went to the scene today.

Yoshida's Warning On Peace Terms

Tokyo, November 24. Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida issued a second and not very subtle warning yesterday to the Allies against imposing a harsh peace treaty on Japan.

During questioning in the House of Representatives on the peace issue, Mr. Yoshida was asked if Japan might ask the Allies to accept in a treaty some of the wishes of the Japanese people.

"Japan having surrendered unconditionally, we are in no position to have much say," the Prime Minister replied, according to the English-language "Nippon Times."

But a peace treaty, disregarding the wishes of the Japanese people, is unthinkable because such a treaty is bound once more to disturb the world order. I am sure the Allies powers will give due consideration to this point."

Mr. Yoshida said recently that if the Allies presented Japan with a harsh treaty, she could refuse to sign, or walk out of the peace meeting. He later retracted those words.

The Prime Minister has been questioned repeatedly in the Diet on the peace treaty, almost to the exclusion of vital domestic issues. — Associated Press.

AP, UP OFFICES IN BUENOS AIRES SEIZED

Buenos Aires, November 24. An Argentine Congressional committee today seized the Buenos Aires offices of the Associated Press and the United Press.

Business offices of the two newspapers in Buenos Aires opposing the regime of President Juan D. Peron were seized yesterday. While general police stood guard today, Government authorities examined the financial records of the newspapers. — Associated Press.

CHUNGKING HOPES FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE-OVER

Chungking, November 24. The vast majority of Chungking's population of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants waited stoically for the coming transition from Nationalist to Communist rule.

Their main hope was that the change-over would be peaceful.

They went about their work and pleasure as usual, providing vivid contrast with the push and bustle of those—mainly Government employees and their dependents—who are leaving.

Air transport out was still limited as a result of the recent civil aviation coup by the country's two airlines. The only planes coming in and out of Chungking appeared to belong to Major-General Chaire Z. Chennault's airline—Civil Air Transport. Most of these planes, Chungking's only practical link with the outside world, were operating under charter to different branches of the Government.

Bus and truck traffic to Chengtu, capital of Szechuan, continued to be the last stopping place of Premier Yen Hsi-shan's new mobile Government which, as he put it, is to accompany the fighting forces.

The main Communist threat to Chungking appeared to be developing from the North East, where Red forces were skirting different towns on the Yangtze in their advance towards this city.

Despatches gave the impression that Fuling, Yangtze town 55 miles North East of Chungking, was under threat.

Most shops here had closed and thousands of inhabitants were fleeing to the countryside for safety, the reports stated.

The Defence Ministry, which in the past few days had been unusually busy in its communications, did not have much to say today.

Still Hold Wuling

The Ministry, however, claimed the Nationalists were still holding Wuling, a small highway town 40 miles East of Chungking.

It made no mention of the Communist force striking Northward up the highway towards Wuling from Kwelyang, 130 miles South.

The Defence Ministry, however, stopped questioning about the situation, saying the Nationalists were still holding Wuling from the headquarters of General Pai Chung-hsi, the Nationalist commander in Central China.

Private reports, however, said Linchow was the objective of a Red-pronged drive from the East and North East.

The Reds, moving along the highway leading to Linchow from the East, were last reported to have occupied Linchow, 130 miles South.

Quincy, a town on the Yangtze, was also reported to have been captured by the Reds.

Among the goods which were seized after an unsuccessful attempt to smuggle them into Japan, were 2,247 grams of streptomycin, 263 ounces of English santonin and 5,097 pounds of saccharine, it was said.

HK Contraband In Japan

Tokyo, November 24. Contraband from Hong Kong with an estimated value of 120 million yen (U.S.\$240,000) has been transferred from the American military authorities to the Japanese customs authorities for disposal, it was learned today.

The goods which were seized after an unsuccessful attempt to smuggle them into Japan, were 2,247 grams of streptomycin, 263 ounces of English santonin and 5,097 pounds of saccharine, it was said.

The goods were picked up in Tokyo Bay by Japanese black marketeers after they had been dumped overboard by a "foreign ship" according to a report. The customs authorities indicated that there had been collusion between Japanese and seamen.

American criminal investigation detachment officers intercepted the goods before they were sold on the blackmarket. — Reuter.

MacDonald's Views On Indo-China

Singapore, November 24. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South East Asia, said here today that the military situation in Indo-China was still harsh and progress, though steady, would perhaps be slow.

Mr. MacDonald returned to Singapore last night from a five-day fact-finding tour of Vietnam and Cambodia.

"All authorities in Indo-China are agreed that the solution of the country's problems cannot be a military one. It must be political," he said.

Mr. MacDonald said that particular importance is attached to talks between French and Vietnam representatives, "which are proceeding with speed, sincerity and goodwill on both sides."

Transfer Of Powers

There was every reason to expect the early transfer of important powers in the central administration to the government of Emperor Bao Dai. The most powerful factor in persuading large sections of the population to transfer their support to Bao Dai "is their growing belief that he will by his agreement with the French succeed in gaining peace, national freedom and international recognition for the Vietnamese," Mr. MacDonald asserted.

Mr. MacDonald said that the announcement of the agreement recently signed in Paris within the French Union, an important "rebel unit" fighting against the government had been rendered and were now co-operating locally with the French.

West German Agreement Signed

Bonn, November 24. The three Allied Commissioners and the Federal Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, today signed the Petersberg agreement, which enables Western Germany to take part on an equal footing with other nations in international organizations and to have its own consular and commercial representatives abroad.

The agreement was being prepared for simultaneous publication in Bonn and Paris later today. — Reuter.

FIRE IN HOLY SEPULCHRE CHURCH

Amman, November 24. A fire broke out late last night in the Holy Sepulchre Church in Jerusalem, according to usually reliable sources here today.

The church, built over the supposed tomb of Christ by two o'clock this morning fire fighters had prevented the extension of the flames from the central dome to the Western part of the church. — Reuter.

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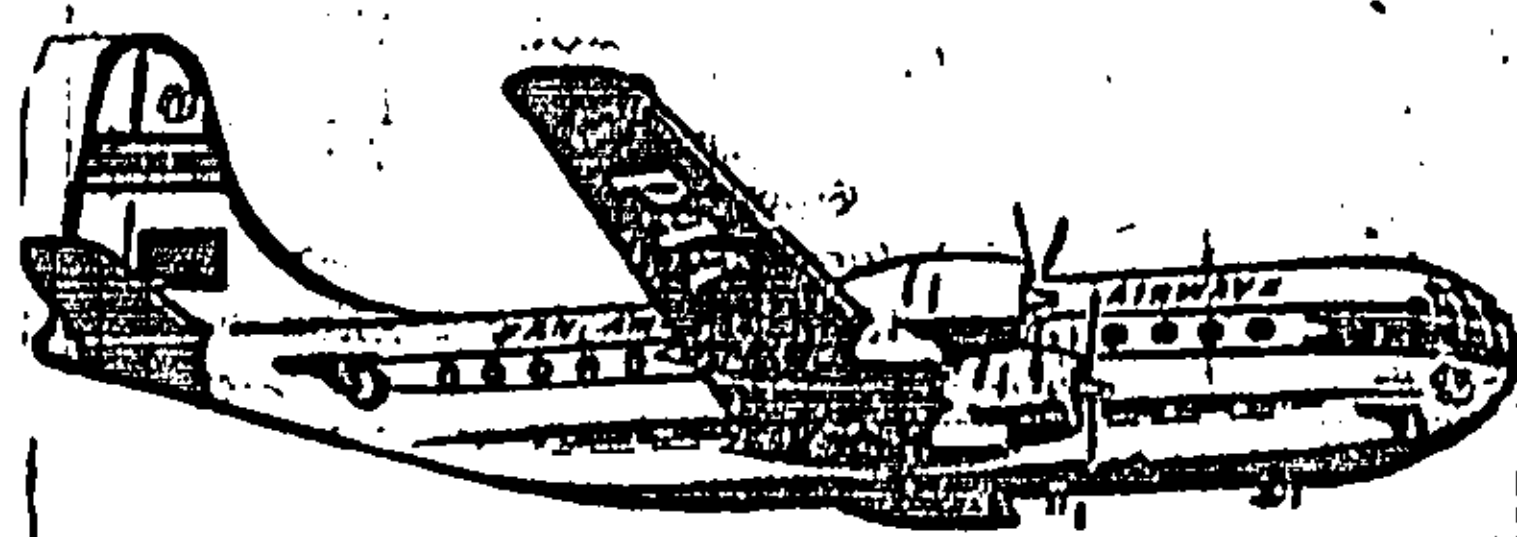
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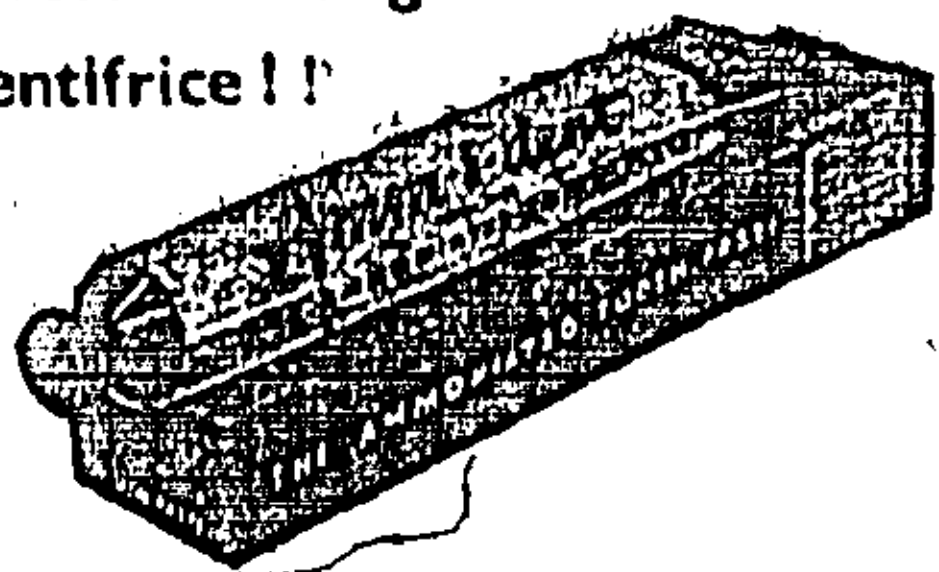
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CROSS Words

Sir,—Is the mix-up of the across and down clues of the British Crossword Puzzle in today's issue of your paper intended to add zest to the puzzle? If so, wouldn't it be fairer to add a footnote to that effect? Yours Interrogatively,
K. M. ADAMS.

There was no zest about it. The map in the machine decided to repeat the previous day's block—but not the clues.—Ed.

Jury Unable To Agree In Milne Case

The all-male jury trying Andrew Milne, RASC driver of Edinburgh, on a charge of raping a Chinese woman, was unable to agree on a verdict after deliberating for 30 minutes yesterday.

The foreman told the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gault, that their decision was 4-3 for guilty. The required majority is 5-2.

Upon the judge asking the foreman whether they would like to make further deliberations, he replied that they had already deliberated twice and on each occasion they had come to the same decision.

The jury was thereupon discharged and a new trial ordered. No date was announced.

Yesterday was the fourth day of the trial and was occupied with addresses by counsel from both sides and summing up by the judge.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. J. Clifton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector W. S. Scraggs. Mr. A. J. Clifton, instructed by the Hong Kong Bar Association, represented Milne.

YWCA Finance Campaign

The Final Report Meeting of the YWCA, Annual Finance Campaign was held at the General office, 11 Duddell Street, yesterday.

Mrs. Tan Keng Hoon, Campaign Chairman presided. Mrs. Ma Ying Piu one of the Founders of the Hong Kong YWCA presented the prizes.

Results of the Final Report meeting are—
Hope Division, 1st (\$8,677.40); Faith Division, 2nd; Charity Division, 3rd.

Mrs. Wong Tze Chuen's division was first composed of the following ten ladies:
Mrs. Wong Tze Chuen (Division Chief), Mrs. Lee Siu Loung, Mrs. Lo Siu Koi, Mrs. Shin Kwai Sang, Mrs. Phoon Seck Quai, Mrs. Tseung Fat In, Mrs. Choy Yat Hoi, Miss Ying Kam Wong, Miss Kong Suet Wa, Miss Chung Su.

Of the thirty teams Mrs. Tan Keng Hoon's came first with \$3,000, Miss Gerty Bowen came second with \$1,693, Mrs. Lee Siu Loung came third with \$1,630.

The following seven ladies were the prize-winners of the 800 weeks:

1st, Mrs. K. M. Barnett; 2nd, Mrs. Assomull; 3rd, Mrs. Chan Jo Pun; 4th, Mrs. Chan Siu Yau; 5th, Mrs. Kan Yau Man; 6th, Dr. Cheung; 7th, Mrs. Shin Kwai Sang.

The total of the last 10 days: \$10,134.80.

The Finance Campaign Thanksgiving meeting will be held in about two weeks time, the date to be announced later.

HK TRADE STATISTICS

Imports of merchandise into Hong Kong during October amounted to a declared value of \$277,407,418 as compared with \$195,815,990 in the month of October, 1948. The figures include Government sponsored cargoes.

Exports of merchandise totalled a declared value of \$205,001,248 as compared with \$180,282,099 in October, 1948.

Imports during the first 10 months of 1949 amounted to a declared value of \$2,194,844,989 as compared with \$1,928,517,742 in the first 10 months of 1948.

Exports totalled \$1,803,417,842 as compared with \$1,288,208,797.

WALLETS LOST

Mr. C. F. Rentrow, Chief Engineer of the m.v. May Ling, reported to the police yesterday that in the early hours of the morning he lost two wallets from his person outside the Hong Kong Hotel.

Besides personal papers one wallet contained a cheque for HK\$4,000 drawn on the National City Bank and the other contained HK\$1,000.

MacDonald Meets Bao Dai



Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General for South East Asia, (right) is shown shaking hands with Emperor Bao Dai, who is sponsored by the French Government, during Mr. MacDonald's recent visit to Indo-China.

European Homes Looted In Nigeria

Lagos, November 24. Rioting and the looting of European houses and shops were reported today at Enugu, Aba and Owerri, in the Eastern Provinces as reprisals for the Enugu shooting last week when police opened fire on striking miners.

The number of injured in today's riots was not known.

The latest reports said that between 20 and 40 miners were killed and many more injured in today's disorders at Enugu, about 200 miles East of Lagos.

A Government Commission is now investigating these shootings. The police were said to have fired after miners' wives had set fire to the houses of mine managers and attacked strike breakers.

Some 1,500 striking miners in this British colony are demanding a daily basic wage of 5/10d.

United Front

Nigerian labour and political organisations, signing their differences in an all-party united front, have formed a national emergency committee to protect at the Enugu shootings.

A Government statement on the Enugu incidents said that police fired when they were surrounded by miners armed with crowbars, picks and hatchets, who tried to stop them evacuating dangerous explosives from the Iva Valley and Obwefi mines.

A go-slow strike in the mines has caused a coal shortage in Nigeria but it was announced today that imported supplies had led to an improvement in the curtailed train services. The Nigerian Government has opposed the miners' demands for a pay increase on the grounds that it would add 2/6d. a ton to the price of coal.—Reuter.

RYDER CUP PLAYERS LEAVE FOR CAIRO

London, November 23. Five British Ryder Cup golfers left London Airport on Wednesday for Cairo to participate in the Egyptian Open Golf Championship at Giza from December 2 to December 4.

The golfers—Alfred Bannister, Sam Dalley, Jimmy Adams, Alan Bailey and one other—are scheduled also to play in a money tournament at Alexandria on December 10 and 11.

Dalley was a last-minute substitute for Laurie Ayton, Harry Bradshaw, Irish Open champion, was also booked to make the trip but withdrew because his father is seriously ill.—Associated Press.

CURRY DINNER GIVEN BY 'SAINTS' A GREAT SUCCESS

The "Curry Dinner" given by the Committee of St. Joseph's Football Club at the Indian Recreation Club at Bookkoppo last night was a great success. Club members and supporters turned out in full force for the occasion and, after a sumptuous "Curry Dinner" were treated to a movie show dealing with soccer as it is played in England.

Mr. A. J. Husain, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Club was in charge of the arrangements and, performed, the duties of "Master of Ceremonies" to the complete satisfaction of all present.

AUTHOR'S DEATH SEQUEL

Atlanta, November 23. Hugh Cravitt, the driver of a truck which killed the author of "Gone With the Wind," was sentenced today to 15 to 20 months in jail.

His counsel replied in the night time when the judge asked for a sentence with parole.—Associated Press.

ST. JOHN ORDERS

Orders by Mr. A. A. Russell, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 44/49, dated November 25, follow—

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: November 25 to December 3, Wanchai "A" Division; December 4 to December 10, Shaukiwan Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: November 25 to December 4, Kowloon Division; December 5 to December 11, Mong Kok Division.

Race Course Duties: Saturday, December 3, Kowloon Division; Sunday, December 4, Kowloon Division.

Diocesan Girls' School: Saturday, November 26, Kowloon Division; Sunday, November 27, Kowloon Division.

KYMCA Nursing Divisions: Saturday, November 26, Kowloon Division; Sunday, November 27, Kowloon Division.

Football Match: Saturday, November 26, Kowloon Division; Sunday, November 27, Kowloon Division.

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Women Civil Servants Ask Revision Of Salaries

The women members of the Civil Service Association of Hong Kong have appealed to Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Secretary of State for Colonies, for revision of existing salaries of women civil servants in the Colony to bring them equal to, or as near as possible, that of male officers in similar employ.

Miss N. T. Sung and Miss C. W. Chan, representing the women members of the association, submitted their petition to the Colonial Secretary for transmission to Mr. Creech Jones in London through the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

This was the second attempt made by Hong Kong's women civil servants to carry their case to the Colonial Office in Whitehall.

The original application for revision of salaries was made on September 15, 1948, but was rejected by the Hong Kong Government which regretted that it was not possible at that time to recommend any alteration in the relationship between salaries for men and women officers.

The women members of the association were not satisfied with this reply and decided to invoke Colonial Regulation 184 which enables them to appeal to the Colonial Secretary in London despite a negative response to their application expressed locally.

Miss Sung and Miss Chan were supported by more than 200 signatures.

In their letter to Mr. Creech Jones they raised the point that "it is not logical that female officers should receive only 80% of the male officers' salary. At both male and female officers have spent equal time and money on their training and have discharged their duties with equal efficiency."

Figures Cited

The petition cited groups of figures to support the appeal, and mentioned in particular the disparity in pay meted out to teachers and members of the nursing profession.

These comparisons were given—

Grade	Year	Male Salary	Female Salary	Remarks
Nurses	10th year	\$400	\$320	75% of the male salary.
Teachers	1st	\$300	\$240	80% less than male basic salary.

The petition said "there is no justification for the vast difference in salaries between male officers and female officers of the same rank and experience, irrespective of sex, is the same."

"Cause Of Discontent"

It added that "the existing discrimination is very disconcerting and a real cause of much discontent."

"We fail to see," it declared, "why a spinster should receive less than a bachelor when both of them have the same standard of education, qualification, experience, ability and even social obligations."

Describing the situation as "intolerable" the petition requested Mr. Creech Jones to consider the position so that a non-discriminating pay scale for male and female civil servants in Hong Kong may be realised.

The police finally reported they had restored order.

Many students did screaming and weeping, to safety in the United States Panam Canal Zone just across the street from the university building.—United Press.

Fighting In Panama

Panama, November 24. Steel-helmed national police last night fired machine-guns and hurled tear gas bombs into the blacked out Panama University buildings where students were meeting to protest the recent police-backed nationwide coup.

Six persons were wounded in the gunfire. One policeman was shot in the eye and five civilian bystanders were caught in the fusillade.

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U.S. Pros Lead In Pl Golf Tournament

Two American professionals, Dick Metz and Dutch Harrison, led the field in the opening round of the US\$17,500 Philippine World Open Golf Tournament today with cards of 71, one under par for the Wack Wack course.

Metz, 37, with 72 for the first 18 holes and a youthful Australian, Peter Thomson, with 78.

Leader in the first day of the four-day tournament were mostly foreigners. Other low scorers included American Johnny Bulla and Filipino ace Larry Montes with 74.

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SOUTH AFRICA SENDS INVITATION TO U.S.A.A.U.

Capetown, November 23. South Africa has sent an official invitation to the United States Amateur Athletic Union to send a team of 10 athletes to tour the Union in October and November next year.

In announcing this today, Mr. H. Voigt, Secretary of the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association said that the invitation will be considered by the Congress of the American AAU next month.—Reuter.

REFEREE FOR ENGLAND - ITALY SOCCER MATCH

London, November 23. Jack McWatt, of Scotland, will referee the England versus Italy soccer match in London next Wednesday, the English Football Association announced on Wednesday.

The Italian team is expected to arrive in London next Sunday.—Associated Press.

SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

London, November 23. George Chentler, the Canadian snooker champion, gained a winning margin of 10 frames to eight over John Pulman, of Essex, when the won the first of two snooker matches in the first round of the World Snooker Championship here today.

At the end of the early session, Chentler led Pulman 10 frames to 8, with Chentler, first, won 84 to 75, 70 to 37, 65 to 44, 47 to 55, 64 to 24, 69 to 70.—Reuter.

NEW TRANSPORT

Port Worth, November 23. The Consolidated Utilities Aircraft Corporation, which builds the B-30 bomber, announced today that it has designed a transport that could carry 100,000 pounds of cargo or 400 men from places in the Eastern U.S. to London in 10 hours.

Among the arrivals on the inaugural flight from Colombo was Mr. Victor Lewis, Editor-in-Chief of "The Times of Ceylon".—Reuter.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. L. Collis, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Guerin, Miss E. Ervin, Messrs. C. Quang, A. G. Gales, and L. Arthur.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Krueger, Miss D. Cow, Miss D. R. Teodoro, Miss C. Buning, Messrs. L. Staines, A. W. Hogan, E. S. Shulman, M. E. Newirth, R. Salti, and D. C. Recco.

Mr. John D. Varley, Chairman of the British Local Council, British Air Line Pilots Association, will address the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday. His subject will be "Air Pilots".

Mr. Albert H. Small will leave for the United Kingdom today on a business trip by P.A.S.

Committed For Trial On Arms Charge

Lau Kan, aged 24, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions in December by Mr. A. D. Scholtes, at Central yesterday for possession of a revolver loaded with five rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. F. Forrier said that on information received a police party went to the restaurant at 11 Hill Road, ground floor at 11.30 p.m. There he saw Lau Kan being searched by a detective. The revolver and five rounds of ammunition was found strapped round his waist. He and three others who were taken to the Western Police Station and charged.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH UTTERING FORGED BANKNOTE

Loung Sau-chan, a 26-year-old woman, was charged before Mr. Hui-shing Lo at Central yesterday with uttering a forged Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank dollar note knowing it was forged and with possession of nine forged one dollar notes on September 23.

Detective Sub-Inspector K.S. Van said that the accused travelling with a companion on a train in Johnston Road on September 2, tended a dollar note to pay for the fares. The conductor, Chau San-ming, realising that it was false, asked for another.

As the accused opened her bag to get another note Chau, saw that she had another apparently forged note in the bag. He called the Police and she was arrested.

Questioned at the Police Station, the accused said that the forged notes had been given to her by a woman travelling trader who was now in Canton.

She also said that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank gave evidence in Court to prove that the notes were forged.

As the train conductor could not appear in Court because of sickness the case was adjourned for a week.

In adjourning the case Mr. Lo told the accused that if she was proved guilty the fine she had been in detention would be taken into account when he passed sentence.

SHIP'S SOS

London, November 23. The Spanish steamer, Escalante (3,070 tons), was reported by the British salvage vessel, Tyndora, to be in distress at Latitude 42.25 North, Longitude 9.02 (off the coast of Spain), a Lloyd's message said today.

The tug Humber is going to the assistance of the Spanish ship.—Reuter.

Heavy Fog At London Airport

London, November 23. Air traffic from India, Australia, North America and parts of the Continent were landing at London Airport today with the aid of the ground control approach system.

An Air India Constellation from Bombay was diverted to Burn Airfield, near Bournemouth, Hampshire.

Passengers by the Argonaut service from Colombo reported that a ship was missing. Mrs. Butler, Inspector of Burns on the way to London this morning.

Bad weather was reported across Europe.

Passengers from Ceylon and India, who arrived by the Argonaut service today expressed appreciation of the comfort and speed of the new Constellation, which replaces a two-and-a-half-day service formerly maintained with Lancasters.

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Silent Zones



Traffic signs denoting the proposed Silent Zones in the city have been put up by the Traffic Department. Regulations governing Silent Zones were published nearly a year ago but still await the Governor's gazetted notification before they can be enforced. The Silent Zones were established in certain districts between Murray Road and the Queen Mary Hospital. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Court Brevities

A fine of \$50 was imposed on Zung A-yi, 21-year-old woman, by Mr. Wick at Kowloon yesterday for importing 6.8 tins of gold into the Colony without a permit.

When defendant arrived here from Chungking on Wednesday, she found the Silent Zones were asked by revenue officers at the airport whether she had any gold to declare and she answered in the affirmative.

Sentence of six months' hard labour plus banishment from the Colony for life was imposed on Yeung Sang-kwai, 25-year-old unemployed, by Mr. James Wick at Kowloon yesterday for the larceny of \$300 from the person of Tong Pak-yung of the Sun Wah Enamel Ware Factory, 89 Tong Mi Road.

Prosecution stated that the offence was committed on Tuesday evening when defendant picked the pocket of complainant aboard a bus in Nathan Road.

German Fined For Stabbing

Remarking that to send defendant to prison would not serve a useful purpose and that he believed the stabbing was done on the spur of the moment, Mr. James Wick at Kowloon yesterday fined a German, Hans Joachim Schiller of Kiel, 25-year-old, the sum of \$250.

Schiller had pleaded guilty to a charge of assault when he was brought before the Court on Wednesday.

Defendant was alleged to have stabbed Anders Crona, another member of the Stormtroop, in the stomach with a pair of nail scissors at the Star Hotel early on Wednesday morning following an argument.

Defendant and other members of the Stormtroop were staying at the hotel after the ship had been sold here and were to leave by plane today for Denmark, the home of the majority of the crew.

FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday.

Type of Fish	Price	Unit
Other Groupers	2.00	per catty
Shrimp	2.10	per catty
White Pomfret (large)	2.10	per catty
White Pomfret (small)	2.10	per catty
Macro Sole (large)	2.10	per catty
Macro Sole (small)	2.10	per catty
Golden Thread	2.10	per catty
Head Shrimps (large)	2.10	per catty
Head Shrimps (small)	2.10	per catty
Crabs (large)	2.10	per catty
Crabs (small)	2.10	per catty
Clams (large)	2.10	per catty
Clams (small)	2.10	per catty
Sea Urchins (large)	2.10	per catty
Sea Urchins (small)	2.10	per catty
Sea Urchins (very small)	2.10	per catty

The police in a sudden swoop on the Ma Tau Chung Housing Estate, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon grabbed all dogs and cats they could get hold of and stowed them into a police van, in what appeared to be a fresh phase in the current anti-robber campaign.

This gave rise to new fears among the inmates—comprising British subjects, Portuguese and Chinese families—that the inevitable burglaries and rodent menace so prevalent before would return.

A police official explained to the inmates that as the camp was in the Kowloon City area, it was included in the "anti-dog-and-cat" operations said to be going on in that district.

The Reverend C. P. Smith, chairman of the Ma Tau Chung Committee, Council of Social Service, arrived in the camp and was told by the police that the present steps had to be taken in view of the rodent menace.

Some months ago, the inmates had been issued a circular to the effect that they would be able to keep their dogs provided they were kept under leash or muzzle.

Need For Dogs

This was deemed appropriate in view of the necessity for dogs in a place such as the camp, where even undesirable could walk in through one of the gates and out the other as a "short cut."

Thus with the absence of dogs, the presence of burglars would more probably than not be encouraged.

It was pointed out by some of the inmates that several burglars had been either caught or driven away by their dogs on many occasions during the past at night.

The coxies employed by the police for the express purpose of catching hold of the animals had had quite a hard time trying to ferret them from hiding places, or running after the scurrying animals round the camp.

Some ten dogs and about twenty cats were bagged yesterday, but it was announced that those who had managed to elude their captors would be caught in another round-up today.

The police spokesman informed an inmate that the animals may be returned if pronounced free from rabies after 14 days observation, but added that he could not be sure of this.

EVICION ORDERED

The eviction of the occupants of 12 Wing Kut Street, within 30 days was ordered by Mr. W. H. Lattimer, Tenancy Magistrate, yesterday.

He also ordered mesne profit of \$222 a month from February 1, 1949, to December 12, 1949, to be paid to the landlord applicant.

The landlord applicant is Li Yau-chuen of 62, Des Voeux Road Central, merchant.

The opponents are Mok Wai-leung and Leung Pak-wai.

The application for eviction was made on the ground that the premises had been assigned or transferred by Mok to Leung without the landlord's consent.

Investigation Of Chak Sang Explosion Continues

Investigations into the Chak Sang explosion in the harbour on the night of September 7 continued before the Court of Inquiry at the Marine Department yesterday.

At the end of the hearing yesterday, the number of witnesses heard had reached 40. It is expected that before the inquiry ends, more than 60 witnesses will have taken the stand.

Evidence was given yesterday by a number of dealers and merchants in the chemical and dye industries.

The court heard them state that they had bought a number of chemicals, including zinc oxide and potassium bichromate. Witnesses also stated that each had arranged for their respective cargoes to be delivered on the ship.

Chak Sang had transportation to North China ports.

When hearing continued in the afternoon, Mr. W. R. Collins, ships' surveyor, who made a survey of the Chak Sang after the explosion, reported his findings to the court.

Mr. Collins produced photographs and diagrams of the ship. It was his firm opinion, Mr. Collins said, that the explosion occurred in the fore part of No. 2 tween deck on the starboard side.

Mr. Collins substantiated his statement with references to the photographs which were shown to the members of the court.

Robber Suspects In Court

Commitment proceedings against six men alleged to have been involved in the robbery of Min Yau-chuek, overseas Chinese from the United States, on August 29 on the third floor of 13 Observatory Road, began before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

The six men are: Lai Woon, Tang Po-sun, Hung Tin-yau, Chan Kam, alias Chan Kam-wai, Lau Ka-ying, alias Lau Kwok-wah, alias Lau Hung-kyan, charged with armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition; and Leo Po-yuen, charged with possession of arms and receiving stolen goods.

Inspector James Hadden is conducting the case for the prosecution.

Mr. and Mrs. Mu, who gave evidence yesterday, told the Court that on the morning of August 29 one of the defendants gained entry to their flat on the pretence that he was there to put up an aerial.

Immediately following three others of the defendants, two being armed with revolvers, entered and relieved them of \$500 in Hong Kong currency, one platinum ring, one gold necklace with gold pendant, one whistle, one platinum ring set with six diamonds, one jade ring and one lady's gold wrist-watch.

Alleged Threat

During the robbery third defendant, Hung Tin-yau, was alleged to have said to complainants: "We are Chinese Communists. After we have got your money, you are not to report to the police; if you do we will kill you."

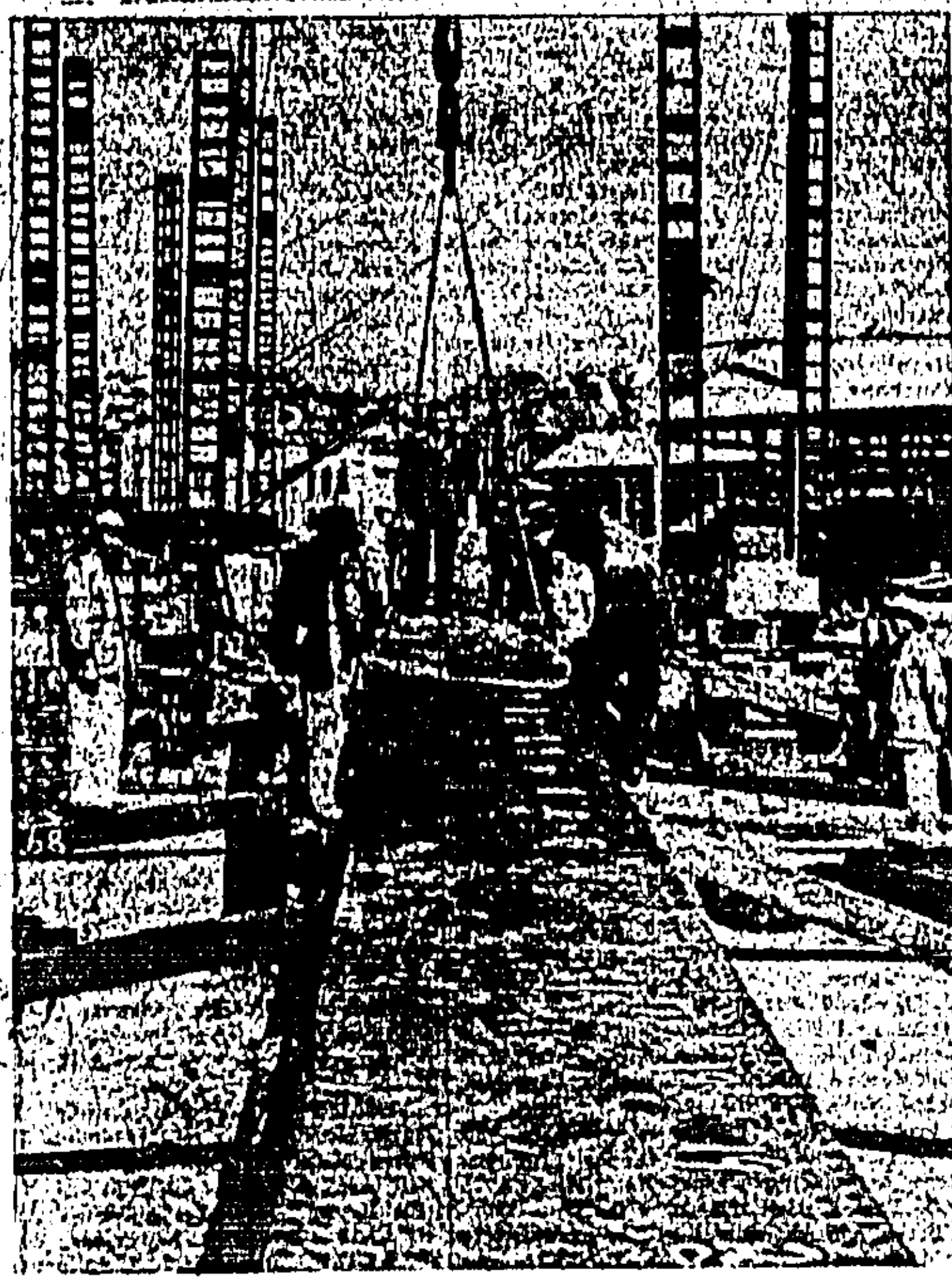
Before the alleged robbers made their escape, Mr. and Mrs. Mu, their four-year-old daughter and one of their arms were locked in the store room and were released when their second arm returned.

Hearing was adjourned until November 28.

CONCERT AT EUROPEAN YMCA

A Grand Concert for Servicemen and civilians will be given at the European YMCA at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Admission is free.

The artists will include Miss Julia Lee (soprano), Mr. John Braga (violinist) and Mr. Harry Or (piano soloist and accompanist).



The keel of a new vehicular ferry was laid yesterday at the Kowloon Docks. Photo shows workmen placing steel platings in position. Officials of the dockyard said the new ferry will probably be commissioned early next year. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Keel Of New Ferry Laid At Kowloon Docks

The keel of a new vehicular ferry being built by the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company Limited for the Hong Kong and Yau-mat Ferry Company Limited was laid in the West Yard of Kowloon Docks yesterday.

The keel was laid to an accompaniment of Chinese fire crackers. Present to observe proceedings was Mr. A. U. Black, M.I.N.A., representing the owners.

When completed the new ferry will be an improved design of the sister ships now in service. She will be 130 feet long, 39 feet wide and eight feet six inches loaded draft.

The ship will be built under the supervision of the Marine Department.

Unlike her sister ships, she will have a centre island compartment on the vehicular deck. An official of the dock company said its will greatly facilitate the handling of vehicles.

According to plans of the new features of this design is the portable-lifting screens which will be fitted on the vehicular deck to separate Third Class passengers from the vehicular park.

He added that normally only one side will be used as passenger space. If vehicular accommodation should be pressing, the side screens may be removed so that there will be no hindrance to the movement of cars.

The wide deck will provide ample space for two rows of big cars or lorries on each side of the centre island.

24 Cars

The maximum capacity of the vehicular deck will be 24 saloon cars, or 14 saloon cars; in addition to some motor cycles.

The new ferry will carry many more passengers than existing ferries, the official said. All told, about 400 First Class passengers and 100 Third Class passengers may be conveyed on any one trip.

The ferry's general appearance will involve no departure from existing standards.

In the engine room there will be a 400-hp. cylinder super-charged marine Diesel engine, developing a total of 800 BHP at 600 RPM to attain a loaded service speed of 11 knots.

Two electric hydraulic steering gears will operate the four rudders. The gears will be propelled by the engine from the navigation bridge.

His Acting Wasn't Good Enough

Although he is an actor, Tan Shiu-hoi, aged 26, found his acting was not good enough to fool the police.

He was charged before Mr. Thomas Tang at Central yesterday with attempting to evade payment of duty while travelling on a No. 7 bus to Aberdeen and with impersonating a police officer on Wednesday afternoon.

Tang Wing, a China Motor Bus Inspector, said that the defendant was travelling to Aberdeen on bus No. 490 and when asked for his fare said that he was a police constable No. 701 attached to the Central Magistracy.

He was asked to produce his identification card but said that he had left it at home. Reason to the bus driver, Mr. Hui, he was a police constable. After inquiries had been made which proved his statements were false, he was arrested and charged.

Mr. Kan applied for bail of \$5,000, but Mr. Tang, sitting at \$5,000 said that the accused could apply for the bail to be lowered at a later date.

Young Woman Sentenced On Arms Charge

A woman friend of one of the two men charged with the murder of Detective Police Constable No. 841 of Shauki-wan at Shek-O in July this year, Tang Han-yuen, aged 23, was sentenced by Mr. Scholes at Central yesterday to 18 months' imprisonment for possession of a revolver and 16 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. J. M. Forrest, O.C., C.I.D. Central, said that on information received defendant was arrested at 84, First Street, first floor, on October 17. When arrested she produced a bunch of keys to a wardrobe, and hidden in a special recess was found the revolver and the 16 rounds of ammunition. Although the serial number of the revolver had been filed off it was recognised as the gun issued to the murdered detective.

Mr. Forrest said that he was not pressing the case as the woman was young and it was her first offence.

Tang pleaded guilty, saying that the man who had left the gun in her possession said he would come back for it in a few days.

When she heard that she was to be sent to prison for 18 months she begged the Court to be lenient, saying that she had three children to care for, including a three-month-old baby.

Mr. Scholes said that possession of arms without a licence was a very serious offence in the Colony and that the lives of the people of Hong Kong must be protected. He consented to the period of detention being taken into consideration as part of the sentence.

Illegal Radio Equipment Seized

Charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central with the alleged operation of an illegal radio communication station at Tan Lung Street, third floor on November 21, Cheung Wing-lun, aged 47, and Cheung Tong-hing, aged 26, both represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan, applied for bail yesterday.

They were also additionally charged with possession of radio apparatus without a licence.

Detective Sub-Inspector Gordon, prosecuting officer, raised no objection to bail being allowed but said that the amount of radio equipment found on the premises was the largest ever to have been seized in the Colony and warranted the maximum bail of \$5,000 each.

Mr. Kan applied for bail of \$5,000, but Mr. Lo, sitting at \$5,000 said that the accused could apply for the bail to be lowered at a later date.

Reminders

Today

St. Patrick's Society, annual general meeting, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Special Service Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Licensing Board, meeting at Council Chamber Colonial Secretariat, 3.30 p.m.

European YMCA Women's Section Work Party, 10 a.m.

Town Land Sale, New Territories District Office, Kowloon Magistracy building, 11.30 a.m.

HK Golf Club, Women's Section meeting, Helena May Institute, 6 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.

HK School for the Deaf, annual demonstration, Diamond Hill, 3.30 p.m.

Grand Concert for Services and Civilians, European YMCA (admission free), 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Tue H Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club Sketching Party, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Why I Want To Go To Red China" by Rev. Mr. R. H. P. Dart, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Festival Service, 11 a.m.

"Saturday Round-Up" Over Radio HK

Radio Hong Kong's "Saturday Round-Up" tomorrow will feature special talks by the newly-appointed Essential Services Commissioner, Mr. K. Ashdowne, and the Senior Staff Officer of the Hong Kong Defence Force, Lt. Colonel J. G. Fisher.

Radio Hong Kong will be broadcasting descriptions of the week-end matches against the visiting Swedish soccer team. The times for this broadcast will be from about 4 to 4.15 and 5 to 5.15 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday.

The object of the broadcasts is to cater for troops, particularly those in the New Territories who will be unable to be present at the match, and others interested in soccer who will not be fortunate enough to go into the Caroline Hill ground.

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CINEMA WORLD



WILDE WIDMARK and LUPINO
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LOVE TRIANGLE

GOOD PLOT FOR
CLEVER MOVIE

Rating: . . .

Ida Lupino's arresting qualities—which are easy on the eye—and Richard Widmark's excellent performance as the Bad Boy make "Road House," week-end attraction at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres, an enjoyable and entertaining film.

Love is the leitmotif of the story, a melodrama on familiar lines in which the love-play is founded on curt monosyllables, dark threats, spot promises and a number of fights.

The setting for the story is a road house run by Richard Widmark and Cornel Wilde. Complications arise when Ida Lupino, the road house's new entertainer, turns up. Both men fall in love with her, but since little Ida has only one heart, one man wins her and the other not.

The loser in this case—and a bad one at that—is Hollywood's latest Bad Boy, Richard Widmark. After being rejected by Miss Lupino, he promptly proceeds to destroy what he can't have for himself, and the things he does to Cornel Wilde and the lady in question shouldn't happen to a dog.

As a bad man, Richard Widmark is just about tops, and his thin lips, shivery shoulders and maniacal laugh remind one a bit of the early Humphrey Bogart. Miss Lupino turns in a fine performance, a statement based not only on her shapely figure. She also turns out to be an extremely able exponent of boogie-woogie, and without a voice manages to put over several songs very effectively.

The climax of the film is reached when Widmark and Wilde

are pitted against each other as they track through the Northern wasteland near the Canadian border—one the hunter and the other the hunted.

Westerner Coming To The Roxy

Rating: . . .

"Roughshod," coming to the Roxy Theatre next week, is something along the lines of the usual outdoor Western picture, except that this one has a lot more feminine pulchritude in the foreground.

Starring Robert Sterling, John Ireland, Gloria Grahame and Claude Jarman, Jr., the picture is an outdoor romance set against the picturesque Senora Pass region of California's High Sierras. The story deals with the efforts of a hard-working local rancher and a younger brother to drive a valuable horse herd across the Pass and down to his California ranch.

At the same time he is handicapped by the responsibility of conveying some dance hall girls to Senora, while harassed by a trio of escaped convicts who have a score to settle with him.

Played against this background is a stormy love affair between the rancher and one of the girls, and the result is a fairly entertaining piece of film.

Sterling gives a fine performance as the determined rancher, and Miss Grahame does alright as the heroine. Young Jarman, who will be remembered for his good acting in "The Yearling," offers a fine characterization as Sterling's brother.

John Ireland is the convict leader, Jeff Donnell, Myrna Dell and Martha Hyer are the dance hall girls and George Cooper is the rancher.

If you want to while away an afternoon, this is it.

RATINGS

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Gay Technicolor Musical At The King's And Lee

Rating: . . .

"Look For The Silver Lining," Warner Bros. Technicolor musical picturisation of the career of Marilyn Miller, one of Broadway's greatest stars, is the week-end attraction at the King's and Lee Theatres.

Starring June Haver in the Miller role, the film also includes Broadway's leading dancing star, Ray Bolger, who portrays Jack Donohue, Marilyn's dancing partner in "Sunny" and another of the greatest musical comedy stars of the period 20 to 25 years ago.

Then show business on Broadway boasted of names like Fred Astaire, Eddie Cantor, W.C. Fields, Ruby Keeler and Al Jolson. Gordon MacRae, screen and radio singing star, plays Frank Carter, Miss Miller's first husband.

The story tells of Marilyn's arrival at an early age to join her parents and sisters who are the "Four Columbians" on the vaudeville circuit. She becomes the fifth and it is not long before she is starring in a Broadway musical comedy. From that point on, singing and dancing to the music of the great composers, Irving Berlin, Sigmund Romberg, George Gershwin and Vincent Youmans, Marilyn Miller's starring hits sound like a reprise of the greatest "Sally," "Sunny," "Smiles," "As Thousands Cheer" and others—productions by the great impresarios.

The Warner Bros. picture retains all of the flavour, music and atmosphere of those great shows, and with lovely June Haver closely resembling the famous star in the star role, Ray Bolger supplying the comedy and dances in his own interpretation of the great Jack Donohue, local moviegoers appear in for some tops in motion picture entertainment.

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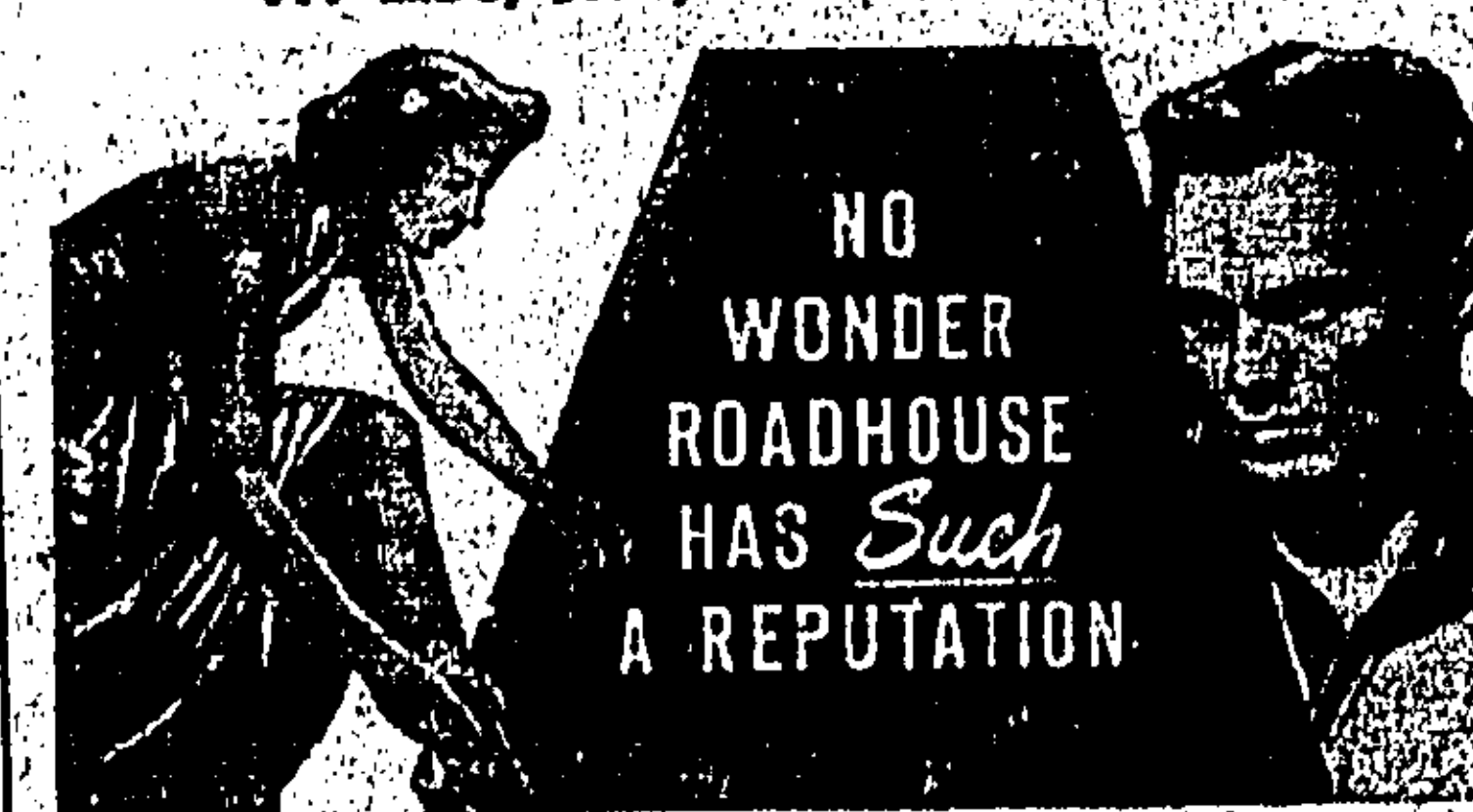
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THE APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

An eloquent appeal was made at the Rotary Club in Hong Kong on Tuesday for the Hong Kong Boy. The Governor has now made a similar appeal to the Hong Kong Boy. The term itself must be regarded as all-inclusive.

Britain has led the world in the variety and quality of voluntary services. The new bureaucracy, it is true, is omnipresent. But the host of voluntary services has grown still greater. It is one of the hallmarks of the free and democratic way of life, distinguishing it very markedly from the compulsions of what is often called the slave State.

It is hardly necessary to go into the reasons for the unsatisfactory response to the original appeal. Many are common to all countries under the British flag. There is always a malaise after a great war. There is always a hatred of uniforms and regimentation. Free peoples perform prodigies of service and valour in time of war. When peace comes they want to be left alone to enjoy the full freedom they have won by their exertions.

The concession made to this prejudice under the new Bill authorising the formation of an Essential Services Corps, to be independent of the Defence Force, ought to yield far better results. Wars always leave behind them a variety of grudges and grievances. Mistakes are made, and are not easily forgotten by those who suffered from them. But boys and men of goodwill no doubt will relate these rankling memories to the situation as a whole and find a truer sense of proportion.

In Hong Kong we stand on the tip of the iceberg. The day when nobody knew whether the Colony would be defended against attack, or could be if the will existed, has passed. The Imperial Authorities have done their part, and done it far more thoroughly than even the most optimistic expected a year or so ago.

That does not finally master the situation, however. On the contrary, it tends to throw the onus back upon the essential services with redoubled force. The external danger isn't yet over by any means. No prudent man would care to make positive prophecies on what may come out of China one, two, or three years hence. There are always greater possibilities of evil than of good from a social upheaval on so immense a scale. But at least it can be said that the external aspect of the crisis is being well taken care of.

The danger now is greater from within than from without. That is in fact a universal characteristic of the whole world crisis. The fifth column is a symptom of a factual division, as well as a formidable factor in Cominform technique. Acute tension in China has in the past invariably been reflected in centres where the population is mixed and even in tight little Hong Kong. It doesn't matter much here and now how much of this reaction was genuine or artificial. The fact is sufficient.

It is more relevant today in Hong Kong than ever before. One cannot expect indifference here to so momentous an era in the long story of the Chinese race. Hopes, fears and aspirations are, in a general way shared. At the same time it must be acknowledged that the present movement has been so far perhaps the most disciplined of any great tide of China's history. The frontiers are now reasonably secure. It is for

News is reaching London piece by piece about what is happening in Communist China. It would be silly to pretend that there can be enthusiasm in England for the spectacle of so large a part of the world passing under Communist control. But the facts that have come out of China have undoubtedly impressed people.

At first there was scepticism about the stories of the cleaning up of corruption. But they are widespread that they begin to be accepted. The Western world will be even more impressed if it turns out that Communism in China does not bring in its train the same horrors which go with Communist Government in Russia—secret police, forced labour, and concentration camps.

The feeling is gaining ground in London that little is to be gained by refusing to recognise the Communist Government. Nobody can yet foresee what faith Communism in China will take. But at least there is more chance of reaching an agreement with it if the West has diplomatic contact with China's leaders.

It is very much to be hoped that while recognition is under discussion there will be no regrettable incidents which would make it more difficult to establish normal relations. The reports that the Chinese Communist are determined to occupy Tibet are therefore disturbing. An invasion by China of Tibet would bring the West China right across the interests of India.

This would be especially regrettable because India, even though anti-Communist, is well placed

Men, Women And Memories

By ATTICUS

The ovation which a vast gathering accorded to Mr. Churchill on his arrival at The Sunday Times Book Exhibition stirred the heart. None joined in the applause more warmly than those two great war leaders who served him so faithfully—Lord Cunningham and Lord Portal of Hungerford, who supported him on the platform.

Lord Alanbrooke would have completed the trinity had it not been for a pressing engagement in Belfast, where he is Chancellor of the University.

Lord Cunningham told me that he has completed his memoirs, his book, which runs to fully 300,000 words, may be entitled "A Sailor's Odyssey." It will certainly be the most important contribution yet made to the naval history of the second world war. In the rough draft which I have seen the section devoted to the operations of Greece and Crete is particularly absorbing. "We were stretched like a bow-string then," was his comment as we talked of those days.

The Bishop's Escape

The former First Sea Lord has, I learn, just bought the Palace House at Bishop's Waltham, and he is asking the Ministry of Works to accept the guardianship of the ruins of the old palace of the Bishops of Winchester, nearly by the grounds.

The old palace had a remarkable history. Built by Henry de Blois in the 12th century it remained in the hands of the Bishops of Winchester until it was destroyed in the Civil War.

It was here that the Barons met Henry II and granted supplies for the second Crusade. It was frequently visited by Henry VIII, and during his reign it was described as a right ample and goodly Manor Place motted about, and a praty Brooke running hard by it.

When the Cavaliers defending it were forced to surrender, in 1644 Bishop Curll, living there at the time, escaped, disguised as a peasant, in the understandable security of a dung cart!

Princes And Governors

A friend who crossed the Atlantic recently in the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's liner Empress of Canada suffered a shock to his sense of constitutional correctness during Divine Service. To the King's name in the prayer for His Majesty was added, not only that of the President of the United States, as is customary on occasions, when Americans may be present, but

the populace of Hong Kong to complete this work by making the home front secure. We should not stand well in the eyes of the watching world if, behind unmoored frontiers, the essential services collapsed from lack of response to the appeal for volunteers, and from lack of preparedness—a preparedness which should be at least as complete internally as externally.

LAMAS AND LENINISM

By "WINDRUSH"

Special Correspondent

for mediating between China and the West. Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, has today turned Great Britain and America to recognise the Communist Government. Trouble in Tibet would embarrass him.

Defence Plan

India is interested in Tibet because its traditional defence plan is based on the neutrality of the row of small buffer states just beyond the Northern mountain barriers of India. Whoever has ruled in India—whether the British in the past or Congress today—has regarded it as a vital interest that these states should not pass under the control of a possible aggressor. Tibet occupies a specially important place among the buffer states because a power which holds Lhasa is well placed to advance from there to an area still more vital to India's security. This is Nepal.

Nepal is a very curious mountain country which keeps itself in a seclusion similar to that of Japan in the past or of Switzerland in the present. It is a fully independent of India, but it supplies as mercenaries to the Indian Army some of the best fighting soldiers in the world, the Gurkhas. From Nepal there are 16 railheads into India. Any danger to Nepal's position under Communist control would cause a lively reaction in New Delhi.

Autonomy Support

When the British ruled India, their policy was to support Tibetan autonomy. This was not an

these lines, but they were overruled by the government at Peking.

From 1935 onwards the Kuomintang government feeling its growing strength, tried to assert its authority in Tibet. It pushed out the borders of Chinghai and Szechwan provinces into the sparsely inhabited border lands between China and Tibet. It used the opportunity of the death of a Dalai Lama to send again a permanent mission to Lhasa. The Tibetans disliked these encroachments. And recently, when the Kuomintang began to collapse, they took the opportunity of expelling the Chinese mission, as they had done before in 1912.

It is said that they acted with great politeness. A brass band was sent to play the mission on its way out of Lhasa. But the important thing is that the Chinese are now out of Tibet. China suspected perhaps unjustly, the hand of India behind this move.

Red Tibetan Corps?

Now there are rumours that the Communists are training a Tibetan corps in Chinghai province. It is being said that they will invade Tibet next year. General Chu Teh, at the Peoples Consultative Conference at Peking in September, mentioned Tibet along with Taiwan as territories which awaited liberation.

The Tibetan army, unless it received outside aid, could not make much resistance. It numbers only about 10,000 men, poorly armed. But what would Communist China have gained from occupying Lhasa? It would have fulfilled an old ambition of nationalist China, but at the cost of causing great disquiet and suspicion in India, thereby alienating a probable future friend.

Is Tibet worth this price? It is a bleak mountain land, without economic resources. It is the centre of an ancient brand of Buddhism, but this scarcely makes it an attractive goal for a communist expedition.

It need not be questioned that there is a pro-Chinese party in Tibet. China has interests to protect in Tibet. But so has India. The interest of both countries is that neither should have absolute control in Tibet. The most desirable solution would be an accord between India and China, leaving Tibet autonomous. In such an agreement there would be room for securing from the Dalai Lama's Government a greater regard for Chinese interests than it has shown in the past. Asia is large enough for the world of the lamas and the world of the Communists to exist side by side.

SCIENTISTS OFF TO ANTARCTIC

London, November 23. The 700-ton Norwegian sealer, Norel, sailed today on her two-year Antarctic voyage to Queen Maud Land with 14 British, Norwegian and Swedish scientists bound for untroubled Polar wastes.

The vessel carries two reconnaissance aircraft fitted with skis. They will help to find a passage through the pack ice which bars the way to Queen Maud Land.

The expedition will try, among other objects, to discover whether the South Pole, like the North, is getting warmer.—Reuter.

Swedish Trader

In Swedish financial and diplomatic circles there is a saying that "God looks after Gunnar," meaning Mr. Gunnar Hagglöf, the Swedish Ambassador in London, who heads Sweden's delegation at the present trade talks. From the day when he entered the Swedish Foreign Office at the age of 21 he has been a marked man.

He made his name in Moscow in 1930 with a classic report on the Five-year Plan in opposition to the view generally held at that time he showed that Russia was making terrific economic progress.

For most of the war Mr. Hagglöf ran Sweden's foreign trade. His cold-blooded calculation, in unflinching Goring mood, that once his self-assurance and independence of mind had made enemies among his own social democrats, who attacked him bitterly for not entertaining their members of the Swedish Parliamentary Delegation in London last year, although he invited the bourgeois MPs. I recall with amusement his explanation at the time: "There weren't enough plates to go round!"

Short-Lived Promotion

The Duke of St. Albans, descendant of Charles II, who has applied for the Liberal Whip in the House of Lords, was the doyen of one of the most remarkable military bodies of the war. This was the 1st Battalion which guarded Admiralty Arch.

It was commanded by a 1914-18 DSM sergeant, and in addition to the Duke's volunteers included Sir Huxley Vernon, Queen Mary's Privy Secretary, Sir Mark Grant Sturgis, the former secretary of Mr. Asquith when he was Prime Minister, and Sir William Baines, a former judge in Egypt.

The Duke at one time received promotion. He was given one stripe. He asked, however, to be relieved of it "as I cannot stand all this responsibility."

Pilgrimage To Lowdham

One May day in 1930, Mr. Llewellyn set out at the head of 300 picked boys on a 100-mile march from Feltham to Lowdham Grange in Nottinghamshire. Sir Harold Scott, then Chairman of the Prison Commission, marched with them for the last four days and nights.

At Lowdham, where Llewellyn and his boys lived under canvas that summer, they built the first open Borstal. Its success decided Llewellyn's own career.

His enthusiasm and powers of leadership made him the inevitable choice to launch similar ventures elsewhere, and he created further open Borstals on the shores of the Wash, in the hills of Monmouthshire, and at Hewell Grange, seat of the Earl of Plymouth.

A simple, humble man, Bill Llewellyn has deliberately eschewed promotion in order to continue his pioneering work with small training units. I was glad to see his name in the last New Year's Honours: those of us who knew what he had accomplished in the past few years felt that recognition was well deserved. His career of public service was long and varied.



Acting President Li, according to a contemporary, told Chiang's delegation "that he would leave Hong Kong in the immediate future because of his need for medical attention."

Going to call in a witch doctor?

This "Reds Free Ward" will probably be reserved for casualties.

"First class cook-boy, speaks English with good reference. With reference to what?"

"False trade mark on peanut oil."

Some slippery customer tried that, obviously.

The ghost of an early Victorian waiter is said to appear in an old London chop-house.

But only after repeated table-rappings.

Fair's fair.

"Mother of three gives husband credit."

"The plane had to make a forced landing in the Philippines during the recent severe election storm."

"This room cooler is definitely guaranteed to bring about 10 per cent decrease in humanity."

Handy for those bridge guests who stay too long.

The adiabatic public.

The contemporary most helpful in providing items for this column reported yesterday: "Horrid! onlookers saw the cat come out alive from the ordeal, wet but without a scratch."

Telescopical delegates.

"Dr. Kan drew himself to his further height and bellowed."

One of the local talpans had been troubled about his chief secretary, so arranged for her to visit our best-known psychiatrist.

"Do you ever hear voices without being able to tell who is speaking or where the voices come from?" he asked.

"Yes, often," she replied.

"And when does this occur?"

"When I answer the telephone."

In the latest report from Kongwa, we hear of the blackwoodmen asserting, "We must not have got peanuts; but we have got... railways, pipelines, 'harbouring'."

The lines of pipe were probably 'harbouring' by types who didn't eat peanuts anyway.

Myrtle's grandfather suggests that maybe they call these atomic outfits "piles" because they're what you get from sitting too long on a cold war.



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SINO-RUSSIAN CLASH IN UNITED NATIONS

Refusal To Recognise National Delegates

PEKING'S CLAIM SUPPORTED

New York, November 23.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Y. Vyshinsky, announced today that Russia no longer recognises the Chinese Nationalist delegation as spokesman for China in the United Nations. Mr. Vyshinsky derided the Nationalist delegation as a bunch of pygmies. He told the UN General Assembly that the Nationalists could not represent China if they wanted to because 350,000,000 of China's 450,000,000 have recognised the Communist government.

MR. WARD ORDERED TO LEAVE

Washington, November 23.

The State Department today sent instructions for Mr. Angus Ward, Consul-General in Mukden, who was released from prison by the Communists today, to leave the city with his entire staff forthwith.

The order was easier issued than expected, even though it contained in many points at least with the Chinese Communist action against the Consul-General and four members of the staff.

While State Department officials feel that their first objective has been gained with the physical freedom of the five men from prison, they are maintaining an anxious watch of incoming telegrams for first word that the Communists actually are making arrangements to get Mr. Ward and his people out of Mukden.

There are 12 American officials and at least two Europeans, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Shiro Tatsu, the Japanese wife of a Japanese employed by Mr. Ward. The Tatsus are reported to have four children with them in Mukden.

The Communists sentenced and released the five men a few days after the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, appealed to 30 nations for concerted action. There is no indication whether the Mukden Communists were yielding to public pressure, or whether the Soviet Union intervened.

What seemed most likely, however, according to responsible officials here, was that the Communist authorities at Mukden had persisted in carrying through according to their own designs a plan to make Mr. Ward and his people leave the country under the disgrace—from the Red Chinese viewpoint—of a Communist court sentence.

On the other side of the ledger, it appeared possible that the Chinese Communists would lose face with the foreign world even though they gained internally as a result of the manoeuvre. Mr. Acheson has accused them of violating the decent rules of civilized behaviour with respect to a foreign official. The most practical result of

Mr. Vyshinsky said that the Soviet Union supported the Chinese Communist claim, made last week in a cable to the Assembly's President, General Carlos Romulo, that the present Kuomintang delegation was not representative of the Chinese people.

He made his statement before speaking on atomic energy, the topic of today's debate.

He said: "On the 14th, Chou En-lai, Foreign Minister of the Chinese Government, informed the President of the General Assembly that the delegation headed by T'ung-t'ung Chang (Chief of Nationalist China's delegation, now recognised by the UN) could not represent China, and had not the right to speak in the UN in the name of the Chinese people. The delegation of the USSR supports this statement and will not regard the Kuomintang delegation as the representative of China."

Mr. Vyshinsky voiced his repudiation of the Nationalist delegation in reply to charges made in the Special Political Committee by the Chinese delegation that Russia had deliberately delayed reaching agreement on the international atomic control plan and the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

Mr. Vyshinsky made a 30-minute speech in which he declared Russia's willingness to accept a survey of its atomic plants but it must keep its military installations secret as long as the United States has a stockpile of atom bombs.

Chinese Reply

Then the Chinese Nationalists struck back. Dr. Kuo Chien-hou, who is on the delegation roster as adviser to the Acting President of the Nationalist Government, took the stand.

Dr. Kuo said: "We tell you, Mr. Vyshinsky, why you would like to see the Chinese Communists in our seats. You wish that 80 per cent of the delegations here would be unseated."

Dr. Kuo said: "Fortunately, Mr. Vyshinsky's words have no more value than the words of a propaganda chief."

"I am going to tell you why the Chinese Communists have sent a message to President Carlos Romulo of the General Assembly."

American denunciations of their conduct appeared to be to persuade the British and possibly other European countries to delay until after the first of the year, recognition of the Chinese Communist government. — Associated Press.

and now this morning Mr. Vyshinsky has told us that my delegation cannot represent China. This shows how uneasy and nervous the Soviet delegation feels when we, and not the Chinese Communists, sit with them in the General Assembly.

You all know that in a few days we will present documentary proof that the Soviet Union violated the treaties with China and violated the Charter of the United Nations. "Therefore, it is no wonder that Mr. Vyshinsky is uneasy and nervous. He hopes that a miracle might be performed in the next few days. He hopes that one morning when he opens his eyes, he will find that the Chinese Communists in our seats. Then he will feel safe. He will draw his breath again because the crime of the Soviet Union will not be revealed."

"We Shall Be Here"

Dr. Kuo drew himself up to his full height and belittled. "I tell you, Mr. Vyshinsky, we shall be here to meet you and your Government. I tell you also not to take too much for granted. Who are we here or not is immaterial. In the letter and spirit of the Charter and in the opinion of the world I will insist you and your Government."

As the delegates thundered applause, Mr. Vyshinsky waved his arms excitedly and declared: "We deem it essential and our duty to support the statement of the legal Chinese government (the People's Republic of China) and therefore cannot recognise the delegation of the Kuomintang."

The last speaker has recognised that it makes no difference whether they are here, or not. This shows they have no interest in a further attempt to represent the Chinese people. They cannot, even if they want to. The People's Government is the only legal government representing the whole people of China."

A Warning

Mr. Vyshinsky added that a major part of the territory of China is under the administration of the People's Government. "In face of the great events in China and the success of the liberation movement we cannot consider this bunch of pygmies as a delegation."

Mr. Vyshinsky's repudiation of the Nationalist Chinese regime is regarded as a warning that Russia will refuse to participate in this week in the Assembly's main political committee on the Chinese Nationalist complaint that the Kremlin's aid to the Chinese Communists constituted a threat to the peace of the Far East and of the world. Reliable sources said that the United States is discussing with a number of other delegations a resolution which would call upon the United Nations to safeguard the "Open Door" policy in China.

Mr. Vyshinsky's disclosure of the Kremlin's attitude means that Russia will not consider the Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as a legal voice in any UN bodies including the 11-Nation Security Council. It is in this body that the Nationalist China shares the privileged power of the veto along with the other big powers—the U.S., Britain, France and Russia.

It also is believed that Moscow's newly-stated position will rule out any future Big Five consultations including Nationalist China at or near UN headquarters. Only recently the five big powers in the Security Council agreed to consult in advance of important decisions in an effort to avoid using the veto.

Russia already has severed diplomatic relations with the Chiang Government and granted recognition to the Red regime in Peking. Mr. Vyshinsky now has informed the UN that Moscow fully supports last week's message from the Chinese Communists, which said the present Chinese UN delegation cannot speak for China. Western delegates here are wary of committing themselves on the issue of Chinese delegations in the UN during this session, but they are ready to stand by the Nationalist Government—at least for the present.

Both Britain and the U.S. are considering the question of recognising the Chinese Communists, but no action has yet been taken. — United Press and Associated Press.

Sir Ralph Stevenson In London

London, November 23. Sir Ralph Stevenson, the British Ambassador to China, recalled by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, for consultations, arrived here by air today.

He told reporters that he could say nothing about conditions in China, but added: "The Communists are treating Britons correctly." He did not know how long he would be in London, Sir Ralph said. — Reuters.

BRITISH GRANT TO MALAYA

London, November 23.

The British Government's recent grant of £3,000,000 to Malaya was a contribution towards the cost of emergency measures in 1950, Mr. David Rees-Williams, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said today.

In a written reply to a Parliamentary question in the House of Commons, he said: "His Majesty's Government recognises that the Federation should not be expected to meet the full cost of combating the present emergency without aid from the United Kingdom."

The High Commissioner has recently been informed that, after considering the Federation's budgetary position next year and all other relevant factors, His Majesty's Government are prepared to make a contribution of £3,000,000 towards the cost of the Federation of the emergency measures in 1950, and, in addition, will continue also to contribute the extra cost of United Kingdom troops employed in Malaya.

"I am gratified to be able to inform the House that on the announcement of this gift in the Federal Legislative Council the Federal Council of Malaya expressed the thanks and appreciation of the people of the Federation to His Majesty's Government for this further measure of assistance." — Reuters.

INQUIRY INTO AIR DISASTER

Oslo, November 23.

A Norwegian Commission of Inquiry spent all today investigating the Dutch plane crash which killed 26 Jewish children and seven adults near Oslo Fjord on Sunday.

But tonight members were unable to give any information about the cause of the crash. The Commission was accompanied at its on-the-spot investigation by M. S. Kamminga, Director of Aviation in Holland. They are expected to be joined tomorrow by officials of the Aero-Holland Company which owned the wrecked Dakota.

Isaac Allin, the 12-year-old sole survivor of the crash, will be questioned by the police as soon as doctors give permission. He is recovering in hospital. — Reuters.

BRITISH MOVE IN WARD CASE

London, November 23.

A day or two before Mr. Angus Ward and his aides were released by the Chinese Communists, Britain expressed her concern to the Red government over the American officials' arrest and month-long detention.

A Foreign Office spokesman disclosed this tonight. He said unofficial channels were used through which British views were conveyed to the Communists. He refused to say what those "unofficial channels" were.

The British action was taken in response to the U.S. State Department's call last week to 30 nations to join in protesting against Mr. Ward's detention. — Associated Press.

SWANNEE RIVER —NEW STYLE

London, November 23.

A London headmaster read in a semi-official report an account of a study group visit to a "geriatric unit." He scanned the Oxford Dictionary but this threw no light on where they had been.

Yesterday, Mr. E. H. Jenkins, of Queen Elizabeth School, London, suggested that the mysterious adjective came from a Greek word meaning "to grow old" and the investigators had visited an old folks' home.

He feared a bureaucratic adaptation of "Swanee River"—"Oh darlings how my heart grows weary, far from the geriatric unit." — Reuters.

SIAM CLOSES LEGATION

Bangkok, November 23.

The Siam Cabinet today decided to close its legation in Moscow and recall the staff of two on grounds of economy. Siam's Foreign Office sources think it unlikely that the Soviet Union will, in turn, close its Bangkok Legation which is Russia's only Legation in South East Asia. — Reuters.

Liu Shao-chi On "Liberation" Of Colonies

San Francisco, November 23.

A Chinese Communist in Peking says Communist-led "national liberation armies" should be set up in all Oriental countries still controlled by Western "imperialists."

The statement was made by Moscow-educated Liu Shao-chi at the opening of the Trade Union Conference of Asian and Australasian countries on November 16.

Liu is one of the three most powerful men in Communist China. He is a member of the Chinese Politburo and is a leading policy maker. A Peking broadcast, heard by the Associated Press here today, told about his speech.

Liu mentioned the "liberation wars" in French Indo-China, Burma, Indonesia, Malaya and the Philippines. He said the fighters in these countries "have acted entirely correctly."

"They have merely applied the method employed by the imperialists in conquering the colonies," Liu declared. "I think that our Trade Union Conference should support the wars of 'national liberation' of these countries."

Liu also had a good word for the Communist movements in India, Japan, Korea, Siam and "the Near East countries as well as in Australia."

Backed By Russia

He predicted final victory for "national liberation and labour movements in these colonies and semi-colonies" because they were backed by Russia and "the new democracies."

"I am proud to follow the example of 'the Chinese people in defeating imperialism and its lackeys.'"

Britain and France were classed with Germany, Japan and Italy as "imperialist states," Liu said. He said all should follow the example of "the Chinese people in defeating imperialism and its lackeys."

Later he brought the United States into the imperialist class. He charged that the United States is trying to turn Japan into a colony and had made a puppet of Syngman Rhee of the South Korean Republic.

"It is necessary," Liu said, "to set up wherever and whenever possible a national liberation army which is led by the Communist party and is powerful and skillful in fighting the enemies."

Most of the countries mentioned are believed to be represented at the leftist trade union meeting. General Douglas MacArthur, however, did not allow the Japanese Communists to send delegates. — Associated Press.

U.S. ATTACHE REFUSED VISA

Washington, November 23.

The Army said today that the Communist authorities in Nanking refused an exit visa for Brigadier-General Robert H. Soule, the U.S. Military Attache there.

An Army news officer said General Soule was ordered to return to the United States about two months ago. He said the General attempted to get an exit visa for himself, his wife and daughter but that the application was turned down by the Communist regime at Nanking.

What action, if any, the Government is contemplating was not disclosed. — Associated Press.

Cairo, November 23.

Achille Groppi, 59-year-old Swiss whose Cairo tea room was a famous wartime gathering place for British Eighth Army men on leave from the desert, died in Cairo. — Associated Press.

EUROPE SAVED BY ERP

Paris, November 23.

Seven U.S. Senators said today that they are convinced that the Marshall Plan has saved Western Europe from Communism.

"I am encouraged by what we have seen and will so report to the Senate," said Senator Elmer Thomas, Democrat of Oklahoma and chairman of the Armed Forces sub-committee of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Thomas told a news conference: "I am proud of the people of Europe trying to stand on their own feet."

He had high praise for Sweden, which he had earlier criticised for being inhospitable to his committee.

"Sweden," he said, "is in the best financial condition of any country in the world to my knowledge. In the United States we have a vast national debt and a vast budget. The Swedish people are going forward and making great progress."

The Senator had told a Swedish newspaper reporter last week that "you countries are only out for the easy money you can get from the United States." — Associated Press.

PEKING GIVES ITS VERSION

San Francisco, November 23.

More than 30 Chinese social organisations in Hong Kong were recently declared illegal by the Hong Kong police, according to a Peking radio broadcast today. These include the Hong Kong-Kowloon Women's Association, the Education Association, the Industrial and Commercial Club and the Hong Kong Student Readers Society.

"Most of these organisations had registered with the Hong Kong Government before the promulgation of the Registration of Associations Ordinance of 1949," the radio said. "Their main activities included academic studies, promotion of sports and games and public welfare work."

During the past few months, these social organisations had launched donation drives to relieve flood victims in Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces, held celebrations on the occasion of the formation of the People's Republic of China and collected gifts for the Chinese People's Liberation Army. — United Press.

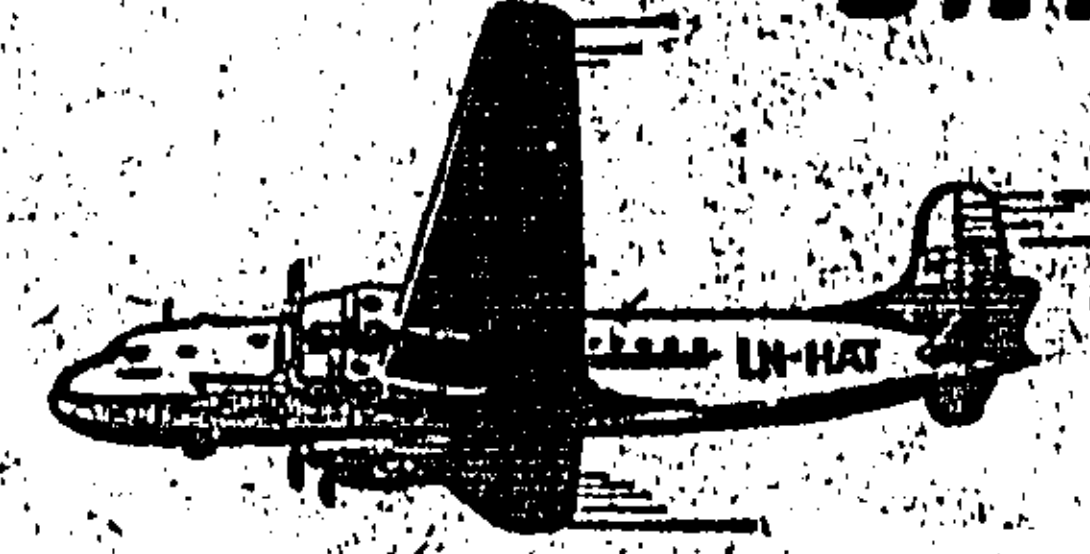
The organisations mentioned were not declared illegal but were made to suspend activity as they had not registered.

RAF PLANES IN COLLISION

Kimberley, November 23.

A mid-air collision between a twin-jet Meteor and a single-engine training plane took the lives of three airmen today. The planes, both belonging to the RAF, were on a training flight. — Associated Press.

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VYSHINSKY ON ATOM CONTROL

Flushing Meadow, November 23.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, today reiterated Russia's willingness to accept international inspection of all atomic materials, from the mine to the finished product, to be decided by an International Control Agency.

Under the Soviet plan, the Inspection Agency would come under the jurisdiction of the Security Council, where Russia has a veto.

At the end of a 90-minute speech to the General Assembly emphasizing that Russia's primary concern was with the peaceful use of atomic energy, M. Vyshinsky said that Russia must keep her military installation secret so long as the United States had a stockpile of atomic bombs.

M. Vyshinsky declared, "The necessity of using atomic energy for peaceful purposes is tremendous."

"The requirements in the Soviet Union are tremendous. But the attainment of the Soviet Union in the field of peaceful use of atomic energy are also tremendous. This should be borne in mind when we talk of quotas or rationing. The idea is to impale certain States economically on a stake," Mr. Vyshinsky continued.

He asserted that there was "no doubt that the Soviet Union will make enormous progress in the atomic energy field for peaceful ends."

Though Russia had harnessed the secret of the atomic weapon, she still insisted that it must be prohibited and atomic energy used for peaceful ends.

M. Vyshinsky said that the Soviet proposal would make "clandestine activities" impossible, but at the same time allow atomic energy to be used peacefully to develop national economies.

He accused the "Anglo-American bloc" of attempting to use the majority inspection plan for military and strategic purposes against Russia.—Reuter.

TAKING OVER SOMALILAND

Rome, November 23.

A vanguard of 2,500 Italian officials, troops and police is expected to leave next month for Italian Somaliland following the United Nations decision to grant Italy a 10-year trusteeship over the former Italian colony.

A second group of 2,500 will leave shortly afterwards. According to Press reports today they will be commanded by General Arturo Ferrara, an experienced colonial officer.—Reuter.

Fortissimo Please!



Roberto Benzi, 10-year-old conductor from Turin, Italy, asks the violins for a bit more fire during a rehearsal of the Philharmonia Orchestra in the Royal Albert Hall, London. He will conduct the orchestra in a full scale concert on December 15. He has already worked with the Conservatoire Orchestra in Paris.—Associated Press Photo.

Moscow Call For Tightening Up Of Discipline

London, November 23.

The Moscow newspaper "Pravda" demanded the "tightening of State discipline" throughout Russia.

It did so after reporting that some factory managers are faking statistics to make themselves look good and others are "conniving" against the state.

Its editorial was broadcast by Moscow Radio.

SIAMESE ROYAL WEDDING

Lausanne, November 23.

King Phumphon Adulet of Siam and Princess Sirikit Kitiyakara may be married at Bangkok next spring, an official of the King's household said today.

The spokesman said the 22-year-old King, a student at Lausanne University, will return temporarily to Siam next February to attend the coronation ceremony for his brother, the late King Ananda.

"There is a possibility," the official added, "that Princess Sirikit will go to Siam with him and that they will be married there before his return."

The King's engagement to the 18-year-old princess, the eldest daughter of the Siamese Ambassador in London, was announced here, during the summer. The young couple first met as children. Their early friendship was renewed when the Princess came to school at Lausanne last year.

King Phumphon has not fully recovered from injuries suffered in a car accident near Lausanne a year ago. The official said that the King is not likely to be well enough to return permanently to Siam to take up his royal duties before 1951.

The official told correspondents recently that the King may be crowned at a private ceremony after his brother's coronation, but that his official public coronation would not take place until he returns permanently to Siam.—Associated Press.

BEVIN SUMMONS EGYPT'S ENVOY

London, November 23.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, called in the Egyptian Ambassador, Amr Pasha, for a talk at the Foreign Office today but an official spokesman declined to disclose what was discussed.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Mr. Amr Pasha had been asked to call.

An Egyptian Embassy spokesman said he did not know what was discussed. He expressed his views that only routine matters came up.

Mr. Bevin seldom summons Foreign Ambassadors unless he has something in particular to tell them.—Associated Press.

DEFENCE MEASURES FOR WEST EUROPE MEET APPROVAL

London, November 23.

The Defence Ministers of the five Western Union countries today approved various measures for the defence of Western Europe prepared by the Western Europe Commanders-in-Chief Committee.

They also approved plans for protecting shipping in emergency and gave instructions that continuous efforts should be made to improve the effectiveness of defence of existing forces. As members of the North Atlantic Pact the Ministers will put the proposals approved today before the Pact's Defence Committee in Paris next month.

A communique issued tonight, after today's meeting of the Defence Ministers, said that these proposals were designed to ensure the maximum co-operation for their mutual benefit.

The Ministers reiterated that the already existing Western Union Defence Organisation is to continue.

The Ministers are tonight attending a dinner at the British Government's Hospitality Centre.

Two Ministers are representing their countries at the Defence Committee meeting, which is a periodical one, for the first time. They are M. Rene Fleven, of France, and M. Albert Devez, of Belgium.

The meeting was attended by Canadian observers.

Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Fraser, British First Sea Lord, who was present, is believed by observers to have given his advice on the shipping protection measures.

Luxembourg is represented by her Minister in London, M. Andre Clausen.

Protection Of Shipping

The communique issued tonight said, "The Defence Committee of the signatory Powers of the Brussels Treaty met in London on November 23, 1949."

"The Ministers of Defence examined the results of the work done by the defence organisations of the five Powers since their last meeting in Luxembourg in July this year."

"They approved various measures for the defence of Western Europe, prepared by the Western Europe Commanders-in-Chief Committee."

"They also approved plans for the protection of shipping in case of emergency."

"They gave instructions that continuous efforts should be made to improve the effectiveness of defence of existing forces. The Ministers of Defence considered the relationship which should exist between the newly-constituted North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and their own Defence Organisation, which continues as an integral part of the Organisation set up under the Brussels Treaty."

"They decided upon the proposals which they themselves would put forward to the North Atlantic Defence Committee—proposals designed to ensure the maximum co-operation for their mutual benefit."

Military sources said there is some dissatisfaction with the slow progress made in converting the North Atlantic defences from a light on paper to one of men and steel backed by the billion-dollar military assistance grant of the U.S.

British leaders have advocated gradual absorption of the Brussels Treaty defence organisation into the Atlantic Pact organisation.

They have received strong support from American officials. But some of the Continental members—especially France—have hesitated.

They contend that the 20-year North Atlantic Treaty does not offer the same guarantees against aggression as does the 50-year Brussels Pact.

The Brussels Treaty provides immediate military assistance should one of the five members be threatened. Similar assistance is envisaged under the Atlantic Pact, but individual countries have considerable discretion in interpreting its requirements.

Deportation Request By Britain

London, November 23.

Britain has asked Greece to deport to Cyprus a British subject convicted by a military court of distributing leaflets in Athens in violation of Government regulations.

She is Miss Rene Pavlades, whose home is in Cyprus. She was sentenced to death last March 5, and the sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment.

Mr. Lester Hutchinson, Labour M.P., said in the House of Commons that she was about to be transported to an Aegean island prison. He urged the Government to ask her repatriation to Cyprus.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Foreign Under-Secretary, replied that representations already had been made to Greece asking for her return to Cyprus.—Associated Press.

PRAGUE TRIAL

Prague, November 23.

Twenty Czechs, including three charged with spying for the United States, went on trial today before the Prague State Court in Pankrac Prison.

It was the third such trial a week at Pankrac.

It was open for the hearing of the first five defendants but then continued in secret.

Accused as leaders of the group were four men who the State charged had fled to Western Germany and then been sent back as agents of the American C.I.C. (Counter-Intelligence Corps).

The State charged that their assignment was economic espionage. The trial is expected to last several days.—Associated Press.

Agreement On Defence Predicted

Washington, November 23.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, predicted today that North Atlantic Pact defence committee next week will adopt a complete defence plan.

Mr. Johnson made the prediction after conferring with Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chairman of the five-nation Western Union Military Committee.

He said Viscount Montgomery has been very helpful in his discussion of the psychology and organization of Western Europe. Viscount Montgomery indicated that all differences among the European military leaders had been ironed out and they now are in complete harmony, he added.—United Press.

America's Role

"Problems have arisen in this programme which are natural to any association of nations," one source said. "Each country has its own particular problems—and its own fears. Our job is to fit them all into the general pattern."

Some sources say that Opinions of the members of the Atlantic Pact want to commit the U.S. to send ground troops into action if Western Europe is attacked. Strategic bombing—the main role assigned to America—is not considered enough.

The 12 Atlantic Treaty nations have refused to discuss a timetable for their work.

The definite feeling exists here that progress has been disappointingly slow and must be stepped up.

Some informed sources think the planning is moving so slowly that arms, tools and supplies from the U.S. still provide a major problem as to who will use them and where.

More optimistic sources predict that the series of defence meetings opening in London today and continuing next week in Paris will solve organisational problems and clear the way for rapid building of physical defences for Western Europe.

The Brussels Treaty Defence Ministers are expected to select London as headquarters for the Western Defence Group, Union of the Atlantic Pact.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Perfidious Albion!

Paris, November 23.

The rightist-Radical "L'Aurore" asserted today that France's influence in her African colonies was threatened through the potential activities of "British agents" following the United Nations decision on the future of the former Italian colonies.

The newspaper said that Britain had won a victory at Lake Success since she had virtually "laid hands" upon Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and the Fezzan.

"British domination—so dangerous for us in the Arab world—is going to succeed; the Italian reign, which we did not fear much, on the flank of our North African area," it said.

"Should we submit to seeing British agents 'nearly' infiltrating into Southern Algeria and French Africa through the Sahara to ruin our influence as they did in Syria?"

"And this," the paper added, "at the very moment when our President is invited to pay a State visit to London. There should be some link to a joke, however good it is."—Reuter.

MR. LILIENTHAL RESIGNS

Washington, November 23.

Mr. David Lilienthal today resigned his chairmanship and membership of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, the White House announced.

The resignation will become effective on December 31.—Reuter.

COLONIES DECISION UNWISE

New York, November 23.

The "New York Times" diplomatic correspondent, James Reston, reported from Lake Success today that "the general feeling here is that the United Nations has reached a highly unsatisfactory decision about the former Italian colonies."

All the objective information gathered by the United Nations emphasized that the three former colonies of Italian Somaliland and Eritrea—should be treated separately, he said.

"The procedure of deciding each case separately on its merits, however, was rejected because it did not suit the purposes of the Italians or the Latin-Americans who wanted Italy to retain some contact over Italian Somaliland."

Mr. Reston said that if each had been treated separately Libya would undoubtedly have obtained its independence in a few years but Italian Somaliland would not have been handed over to Italian administration.

The Latin-Americans, who had sentimental and religious connections with Italy, blocked a separate vote, he added. "They made an agreement with the Arab States under which they would support independence for Libya which the Arab States wanted provided that the Arab States would let the Italians retain the administration of Italian Somaliland for 10 years," Mr. Reston wrote.

"These two blocs, the Latin-American and the Arab, controlled enough votes to prevent any solution that they did not want and, in the end, their manoeuvre prevailed. Thus Italy, which had renounced all claim to her former colonies, managed to delay through a series of deals, how members regarded as wise."

"What is more important in the opinion of officials in the Trusteeship Section of the United Nations (who cannot be accused of opposing the trend towards independence in colonial areas) is that Italian Somaliland, though far less advanced than British and French Somaliland, has got a flat independence in 10 years."—Reuter.

Scramble At Smuts Reception

London, November 23.

Hundreds of people, including many elegantly dressed women, scrambled for more than an hour tonight to get into a reception to General Jan Smuts, the former South African Premier, which was organised by the Weizmann Forest Committee.

Most of them had admission tickets but still could not get in. Tickets, which had cost up to £25.10.0, were waved angrily at the organising officials, but their holders were at first unable to enter the Lyceum Theatre, where the reception took place.

For an hour before the doors opened, a crowd waited the theatre, and when ticket holders were admitted only one small door was opened. Three policemen, a commissioner and top-hatted officials of the Committee were stationed here to scrutinise and re-check every ticket.

After the crowd had remained outside the theatre protesting violently for about a quarter of an hour it was decided to reopen the doors and allow them in, although it meant that most would have to stand.

It was later estimated that 2,500 people were in the theatre where 1,400 had been expected. Among those who had been unable to attend was Lord Addison, Lord Privy Seal.

Viscount Samuel, President of the Committee, had to fight his way in while General Smuts waited in his car, until a way could be cleared for him.

General Smuts, who was introduced by Viscount Samuel as "a great historic figure of our time," was warmly applauded by his huge audience.—Reuter.

HARRIMAN GOING TO PORTUGAL

Paris, November 23.

Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan special representative, will leave Paris by special plane tomorrow morning for Lisbon, where he is expected to arrive about noon.

He will confer with the Portuguese Government and the American Consulate in Lisbon. He is expected to return to Paris on Sunday.—Reuter.

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UN DELEGATE SAYS:--

CHANGE OF HEART
NEEDED FOR PEACE

Lake Success, November 23.

Charles Malik of Lebanon told the UN Political Committee today that the only hope for world peace is not new peace facts but a fundamental change of heart by both Russia and the Western powers.

Dr. Malik said the questions of how war can be prevented, what can the United Nations do to prevent war, is a third world war inevitable, are misleading and utterly superficial.

IMMUNITY
OF TASS
ATTACKED

London, November 23.

The British Government announced today that it might change the law conferring diplomatic immunity on Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, made the announcement in the House of Lords after Lord Vansittart had asked the Government to curb the activities of the Tass agency.

A Court of Appeal ruled last June that Tass had diplomatic immunity and could not be sued for libel. The question arose because of an unsuccessful libel action brought against Tass by a former professor at Prague University, Dr. Vladimir Kravina.

Lord Jowitt indicated that the law might have to be changed. The Government, he said, had decided to set up an inter-departmental committee to consider and report on the question which raises matters of very considerable difficulty in international law.

He declared: "We must remember that anything we do here must be reciprocal. Until the report of this committee has been received and considered, it is not possible for me to make any further comment, as what is involved is an alteration in our existing law which has been established for many years."

Referring to a recent case in which £4,000 damages were awarded against the "Daily Worker," the British Communist Party newspaper to a former Yugoslav Minister, M. Cicin Sain, Lord Vansittart said: "I hope that if M. Sain does not get his damages he will communicate with me and I will then come down to this House and propose that the 'Daily Worker' should be closed, as we closed it during the war for its services to Hitler."

"We really cannot afford to set up a new privileged class. I therefore urge most strongly upon the Government that they should, without further loss of time, introduce legislation which will annul this cynical certificate and make sure that no such brazen trick will ever be perpetrated on us again."

Soviet Organ

Lord Vansittart said that the "Daily Worker" was an organ of the Soviet Government and from its inception had been heavily subsidized. "When I was head of the Foreign Office I had a good deal of information on that, but you do not need any Secret Service to tell you about it," he said.

"There are 40,000 paid-up members of the Communist Party in this country and anybody who thinks a paper can be run on 40,000 six-pence ought to have his head examined."

The "Daily Worker" claims it is owned by its readers through voluntary subscriptions and by shares in a co-operative organisation.

Lord Jowitt said: "I feel it to be intolerable that a news agency which sets up to be a department of a foreign State should have no opportunity of publishing material calculated to discredit His Majesty's Government or of individual opponents of Communism and of fomenting internal strife in this country."

British newspapers really cannot be expected to go on printing samples of the same old melodramatic nonsense about Western warmongers and Communist doves."

Lord Jowitt added: "It should not be thought that the agency will be left to carry on scurrilous activities without any check."

JAP BUYING
OF GRAINS

Tokyo, November 23.

Japan has embarked on a world-wide grain-buying programme and hopes to get 2,000,000 tons this year, Mr. Akira Yodaki, chief Government trade administrator, said today.

She has placed orders with Australia and has been negotiating for more from them as well as from Argentina, the United States and Canada.

The loss of food-producing areas like Korea and Taiwan means that Japan has to import far more than her present yearly average of 600,000 tons of grain, Mr. Yodaki said.

Last year the United States gave Japan nearly 700,000 tons of wheat but as the country resumes control of her economy she has been unable to draw up a plan which she has trade agreements with.

Flood Danger
In Bangkok

Bangkok, November 23.

Citizens in the lower-lying areas of Bangkok waded to work today and cars were stalled in the streets as the flood waters reached a depth of 18 inches over one-twelfth of the city.

Irrigation officials predicted that the worst flood danger would pass within two days.

—Reuter.

HOPE OF
WHEAT
SOLUTION

London, November 23.

Grain traders here believe that Britain and Australia still agree on Britain's purchase of wheat under the International Wheat Agreement, despite a warning of quota cuts by Mr. R. A. O'Neill, member of the Australian Wheat Board, on Monday.

(Mr. O'Neill said that unless Britain and India decided how much wheat they will buy this year from Australia under the Agreement they would risk having their quotas reduced.)

But it is not thought here that Britain is in any great hurry to get the matter finally settled. Negotiations have started and are expected to continue at a reasonable pace.

IWA countries have until the end of the crop-year, which ends on July 31, 1950, to fulfil their export and import quotas.

Australia, as an exporting country, has to sell 80,000,000 bushels of wheat in each crop-year at Agreement prices.

If she sold the whole of that amount to other IWA countries at maximum Agreement prices before Britain had made up her mind, then it would be "her loss for Britain," one trade source said today. But it is not considered certain that Australia will be able to do so.

IWA countries are free to sell all the wheat they can, apart from their export quotas, at any price they can get.

But wheat sold now to Japan, for example, would not count against Australia's export quota, since Japan is not yet a member of the IWA.

The Japanese and German applications for membership will be considered until the International Wheat Council's meeting next month.

Grain traders believe that Indian and British officials have consulted here about the Australian offer of an option on 50,000,000 bushels of her export quota at maximum prices, but that no tripartite discussions between India, Australia and Britain have taken place.—Reuter.

PROGRESS IN
ATOMIC TALKS

London, November 23.

The Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons today that good progress was made in the exploratory talks on atomic energy between the United States, Britain and Canada in Washington last month.

In reply to a question, Mr. Attlee said: "The conferences began on September 20. Good progress was reached and the results are at present under consideration by the three governments. Talks will be resumed in Washington on November 28."

Pressed further with questions from the floor about specific progress made in the atomic talks, the Prime Minister said he had nothing to add.—United Press.

BUNCHE AS U.S.
MOSCOW ENVOY?

Philadelphia, November 23.

The newspaper "Philadelphia Inquirer" said today that Dr. Ralph Bunche, former United Nations mediator in Palestine, is being mentioned for the post of U.S. Ambassador to Russia.—Associated Press.

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France Menaced
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General Strike

Paris, November 23.

The Communists are reported to be planning to try to drag Friday's nationwide 24-hour general strike out as long as possible.

The non-Communist "Workers' Force" Union, which claims 100,000 members, took the initiative in calling the strike, which is expected to paralyse most branches of life in France.

The Communist-led General Federation of Labour (CGT) has joined the strike with its 2,000,000 members.

Socialist sources said: "We have learned that the Communist Chief of Staff of the CGT intends to prolong the strike beyond November 25 wherever possible."

The right wing newspapers "Furore" and "Le Parisien Libre" also said that this is the aim of the Communist labour leaders.

French trains will stop running at 3 a.m. GMT (11 a.m. Hong Kong Time) on Friday, and practically all other public transport will probably be hit. There will be no postal service, only an emergency telephone service, and most schools will be closed.

Only a minimum service will be available in hotels, and many food stores will shut including bakeries. Housewives are being urged to buy two-days' supplies Thursday.

Bidault's Call

The Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, tonight called for reason and courage by men of all parties to avert the general strike.

Millions of workers have planned the strike as "a solemn warning to profiteers, bosses and incompetent politicians."

M. Bidault, in a nation-wide broadcast appeal, said that the Government had "this very day" initiated legislation for the introduction of collective bargaining between employers and workers in industrial disputes.

He added, "Frenchmen are protesting not against austerity but against the absence of equity. The Government is resolved to beat fraud and bring hidden capital into the country's coffers."

"France has broken with the decadence into which the flagging of her productive capacity threatened to throw her," he continued.

"Let us prove them liars, those who say that the French start everything and finish nothing. By 1952, when Marshall Aid ends, we must be self-sufficient without lowering our standard of life."

As M. Bidault spoke, more than 1,000 employees of Air France at Orly and Le Bourget, the two main airports serving Paris, were preparing to vote on whether to take part in Friday's stoppage.—Associated Press and Reuter.

RUSSIAN SECTOR
CURRENCY MOVE

Berlin, November 23.

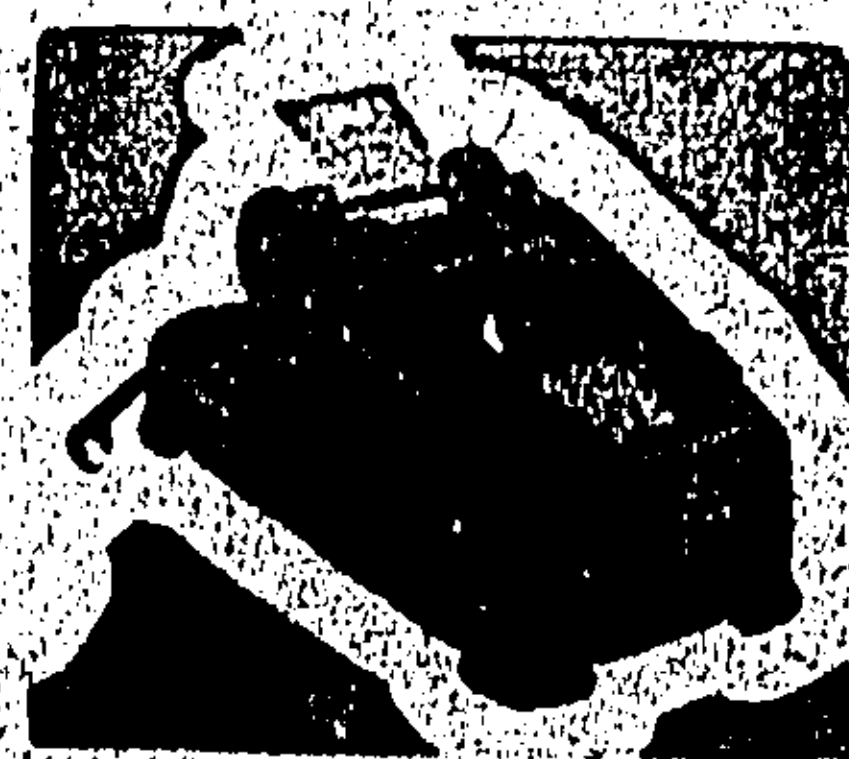
The Soviet Control Commission today transferred all foreign currency accounts formerly held by the Soviet Military Administration in the East German Notenbank to the New East German Government.

The transfer was signed by General Vassily Chulikov, Chief of the Soviet Control Commission. The sum was not disclosed.—Reuter.

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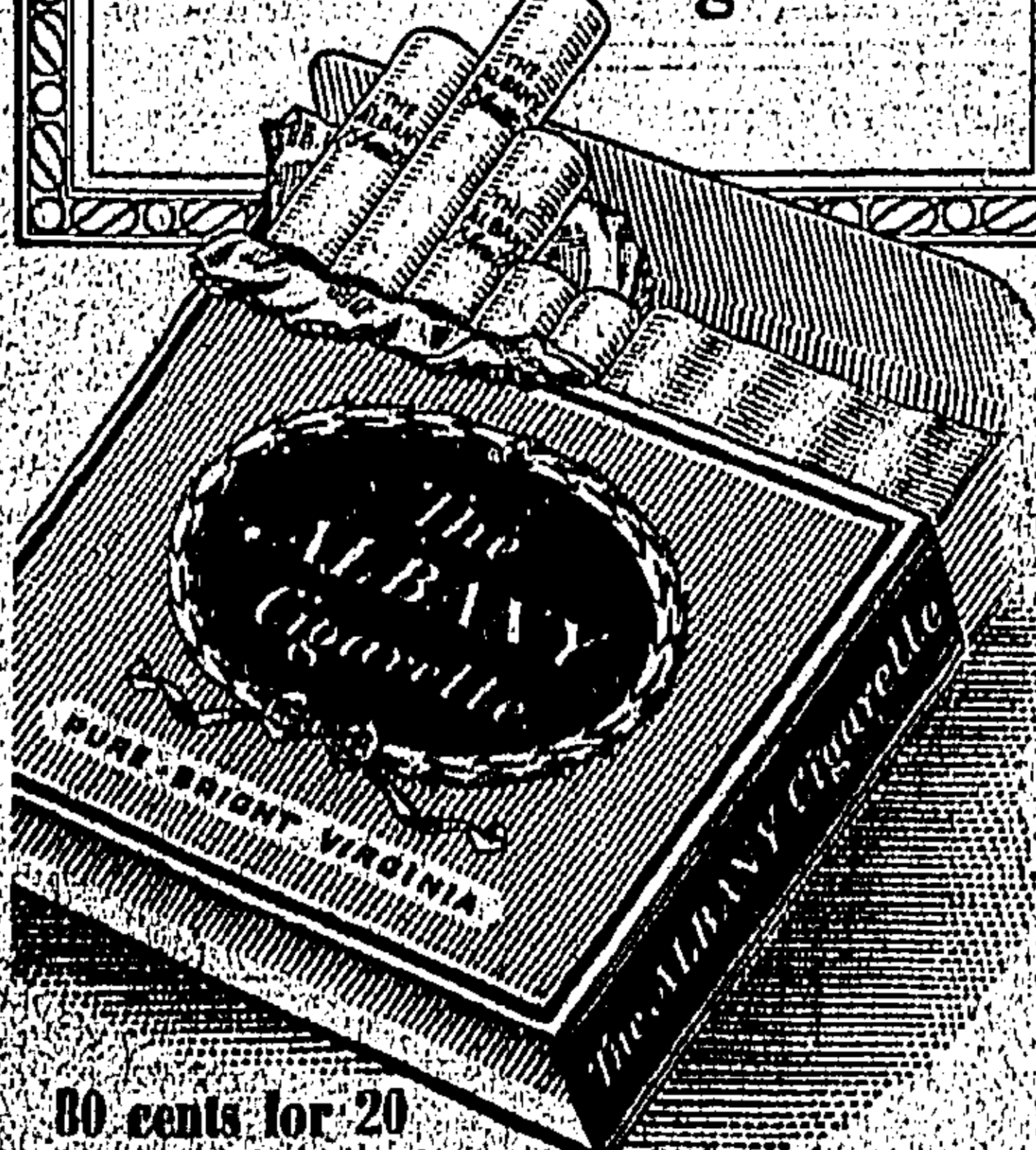
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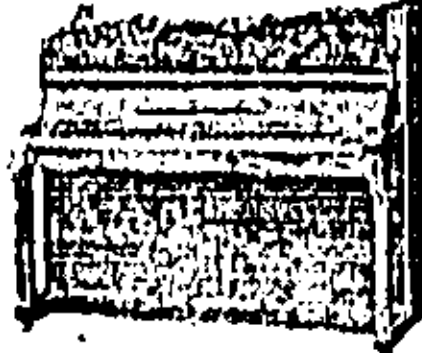
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TUC Appeal On Wage Demands

London, November 23.

The Trades Union Congress today urged vigorous restraints on any new wage demands—as long as the Government can hold down the cost of living.

The TUC, which speaks for 8,000,000 organised workers, said this must be done to counteract dangerous inflationary tendencies made worse by devaluation of the pound.

It asserted that the line must also be held on company profits. In general, the Government has been trying to keep these at 1947 levels.

The TUC said that some exceptions from the wage freeze may have to be made for the lowest paid workers. It suggested that a scheme of higher pay for greater production might be the answer.

The TUC General Council has been wrestling frantically with its wage policy ever since the pound was devalued from US\$4.03 to US\$2.80. The Government concedes that devaluation will inevitably raise some prices. It has demanded a freeze in wages to keep this inflation from becoming still worse.

The TUC recommended that its unions agree to hold wages at their present level so long as the retail price index ranges between 118 and 100. The index is based on prices of June, 1947, as 100. It now stands at 115.

If the index reached either the upper or lower limit, the General Council said, it feels that both sides of any industry will be entitled to resume the normal consideration of the wages questions.

Incentive Plan

It said specifically that wage agreements with a sliding scale tied to the cost of living index should cease to operate so long as the 100-118 range is not exceeded.

"Should neither of these limits be reached before January, 1951," the TUC recommended, "these arrangements shall continue until that date and be reviewed in the light of the then existing facts."

The General Council said that every industry should consider putting into effect a pay incentive plan relating wages to output.

Although it advised all member unions not to make wage claims, the General Council said that the existing machinery of voluntary negotiation must be preserved.

It said that responsibility for holding to the official TUC policy of restraint must rest with the individual unions.

Under Pressure

Member union's demands for pay increases have kept the General Council under pressure for more than a year, and it has appealed, largely in vain, for the Government to relieve the pressure by slashing the retail sales tax, which ranges as high as 100 per cent.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has resisted attempts to pare most of these taxes but took them off shoes and most other leather goods.

The Board of Trade also put into effect in September a five per cent cut in the controlled price of a long line of utilities, clothing, textiles and other goods.

Utility were in partly subsidised by the Government to keep the price down.

Retailers complained that the Board was appeasing the trade unions at the expense of the shopkeepers.—Associated Press.

ALBANIA ON THE WARP

Albania, November 23.

Albania today accused the United States, Britain and Yugoslavia of persistent spying against Albania.

The Albanian Government made its charges in a 4,000-word note to the Yugoslav Government.

The note also accused an "Anglo-American Secret Service organisation" of working to "organise resistance against the ruling regime among Albanians in exile."

The Albanian note was broadcast by Tirana Radio and was heard in London. It was the latest in an exchange with Yugoslavia which grew out of Marshal Tito's denunciation of Yugoslavia's treaty of friendship with Albania.

The note named Army officers and others who, it said, "collaborated with Yugoslav Army authorities and particularly with the reactionary forces" to overthrow the existing regime of Premier Enver Hoxha.

The note did not further identify the Army officers.

It said that Belgrade Radio's broadcasts were "essentially Fascist propaganda." It added that the Yugoslavs were engaged in a campaign of "calumny and provocative onslaughts against Albania."—Associated Press.

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Lonely Hearts Organisations Scrutinised

London, November 23.

The Home Office is considering action against some British "lonely hearts" organisations. For months, investigators have been collecting letters and scanning advertisements. Many clubs have been found to be quite genuine, but some are considered highly suspicious.

Some charges as much as £5 for "exclusive" addresses. People have complained to the authorities about letters that they received through some organisations. One spies were said to have obscene, postscripts in invisible ink.—Reuters.

'Baby' Atom Bomb Now

London, November 23.

The "Daily Mail" said today that the United States has developed a baby atom bomb for tactical use in support of troops.

The report came from Fontainebleau, France. No source was cited for the report.

"This bomb, which could be dropped by close support aircraft against tanks and infantry, causing widespread devastation, is a

CATHOLIC-MOSLEM ANTI-RED FRONT?

Vatican City, November 23.

A common anti-Communist front of Catholics and Moslems appears possible, the Catholic agency said today.

"Fides," which represents the views of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, published a lengthy review of "Christianity and Islam" in its weekly information bulletin.

It reported that the isolation of the Moslem world is coming to an end, but added that the many trends which have invaded Islam, such as European rationalism and Russian Communism, do not find an easy prey in Moslem countries.

Fides noted a more receptive attitude with regard to the opinions of others among the Moslems. "New possibilities come into view," it added, "and there is a desire for more freedom of

action in all fields and all domains.

"This is precisely the place where Christianity and Islam can meet.

"Many a pious Moslem," said Fides, "see better than many Occidentals what a danger to religions is contained in Communism today. The possibility of a common front for God does not seem to be excluded."

Moslems number some 200,000,000 throughout the world. The Vatican Radio recently placed the Catholic population at more than 400,000,000.

Powerful Bulwark

Joining of these forces against Communism creates a powerful bulwark against Communist plans of domination in the Middle East and the Far East.

"Without doubt," Fides declared, "many contacts have been made and excellent work has been done, but by comparison

with the neutral effort for material aid, these are very slight, especially when one thinks of the many prejudices that are piled up against Christianity in the Moslem world.

"But we ask again: do these obstacles dispense us from going all the way in our efforts?"

Fides said that Moslems "note a void in their political, economic and religious outlook" and asked: "Who will be able to fill the void of Islam? Will Catholics have a part in the re-adaptation of the theology of Islam?"

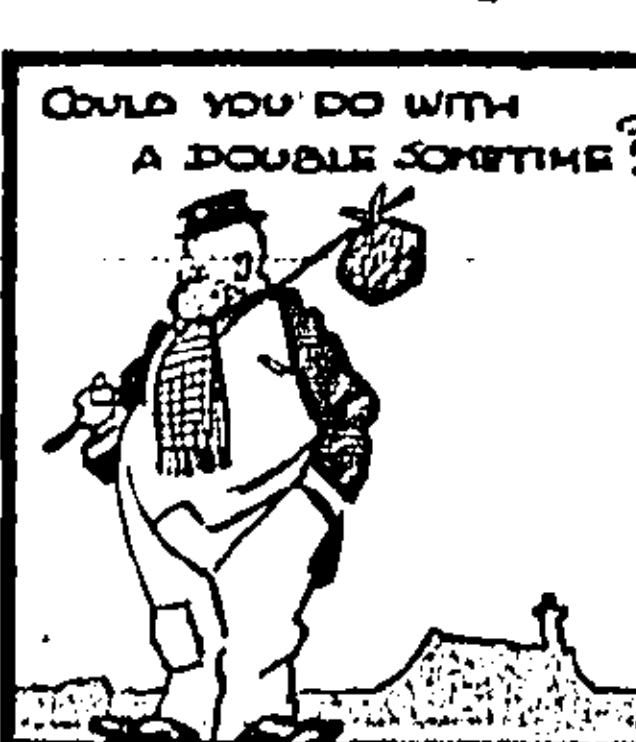
Urgent Need

"All Christians must become aware of the urgent need of the Apostolate which the new circumstances of Islam demand," said Fides. "The Catholic world cannot allow the opportunity that is presented, slight though it be, to pass away."

The Moslem religion is the principal faith of many states and provinces of China, India, Malaya and the East Indies. It claims millions of believers in the Arab states, Africa, Turkey, Albania and Afghanistan.

Before the establishment of the USSR, Islam was the religion of much of Asiatic Russia. Soviet Russia now, however, opposes Catholicism and the Moslem religion with much fervour.—Associated Press.

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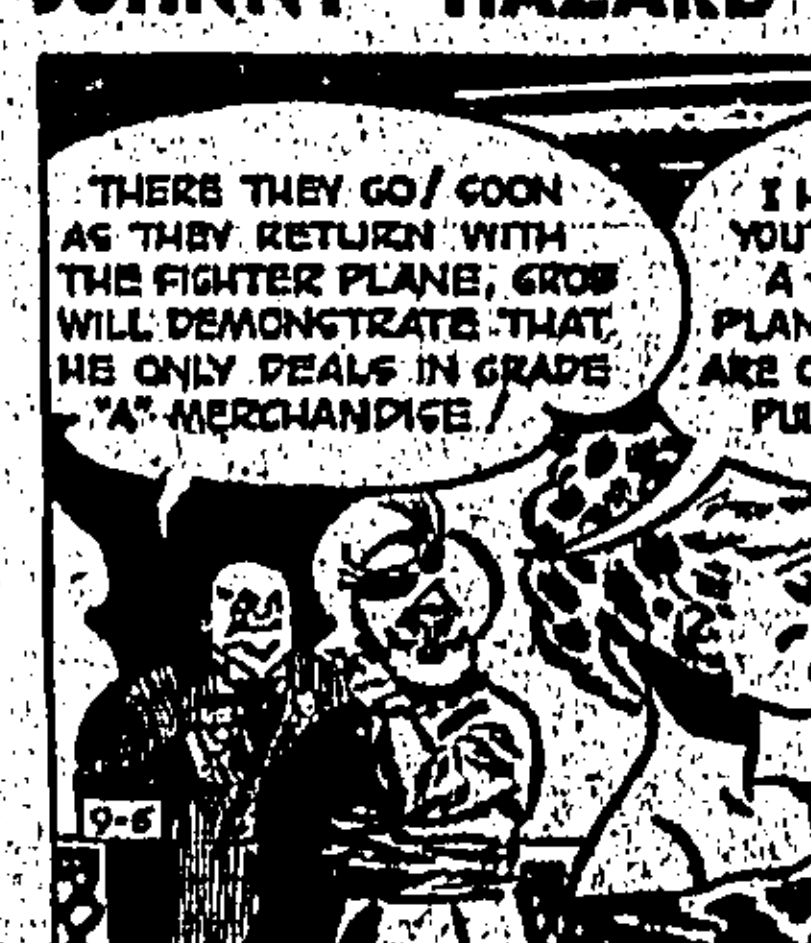
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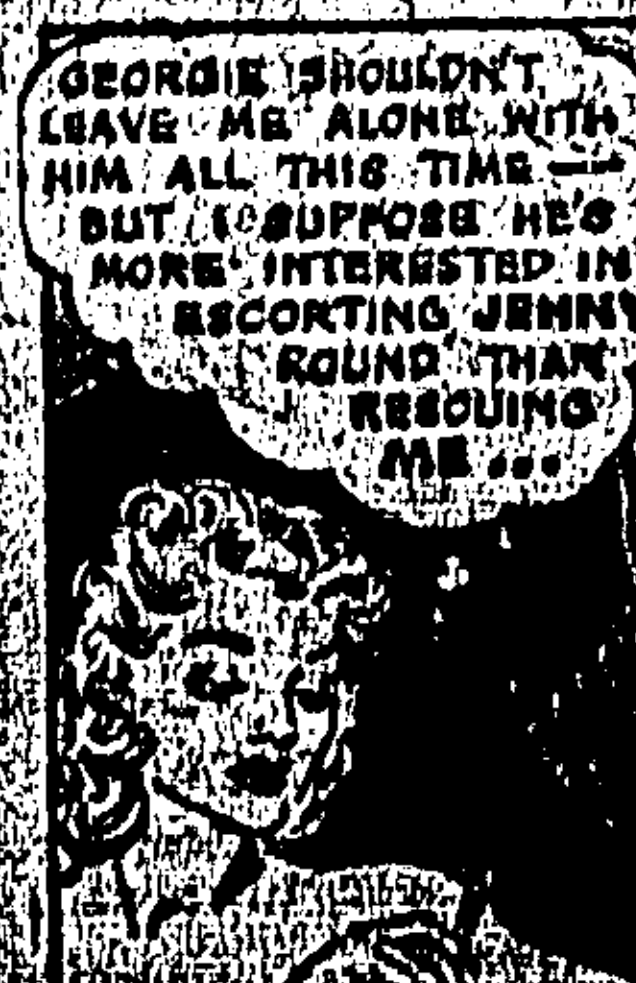


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8.15—Random Rhythm.	
8.45—Through the Looking Glass—A programme for Women.	
9.00—Morning Music.	
9.30—Console and Keyboard.	
10.00—Music for all.	
10.30—Morning Melody.	
11.00—Rhythm Favorites.	
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.	
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.	
12.15—Tune Time.	
12.30—Dance Music.	
1.00—Binger.	
1.15—News.	
1.30—Music for You.	
2.00—Afternoon Musical—Concerto for violin and orchestra by Paul Casals and BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult. Job (Williams) A. Maquis for Dancing, BBC Symphony Orchestra. A British Council Programme.	
4.00—Billie Holiday and Her Wildcats.	
4.15—Today's Choice.	
4.30—Vocally Yours—Jo Stafford, Andrews Sisters, Perry Como.	
6.00—Music Makers.	
6.15—Children's Corner.	
6.30—Harmony Hall.	
6.45—Radio Headlines.	
6.50—King of Swing—Henny Goodman and Orchestra.	
6.55—Songs of the Islands.	
7.00—Do You Remember Musical Memories.	
7.45—BBC News—Relay from London.	
7.55—Candlelight and Silver.	
8.00—Romantic Cycles—The Count of Luxembourg and The Firefly.	
8.15—The Super-Cole Programme—The London Broadcasters.	
8.30—The Daily Farm Programme—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.	
9.00—BBC World News—Relay from London.	
9.15—Local News from Rediffusion Studios.	
9.15—South American—Music from Latin America.	
9.30—"Music Manhattan".	
10.00—"The Waltz" Love On—Music in Three-Quarter Time by the Harry Horlick Orchestra.	
10.15—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra—Relay from BBC, London—Conductor, Rudolf Schwartz.	
11.15—"The Jazz Club"—Relay from BBC, London.	
11.45—Herald.	
12.00—Close Down.	

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S. K. LEE

Lesson 44 (B)

Friday, 25th, Nov. 49. HUNG CANTONESE BY RADIO	
Vocabulary:	
545. (ts'auk) (3) tsauk	A thief. A robber.
546. (ts'au) tsau(1)	To steal.
547. (kip) kip(3)	To rob.
548. (hot) hot(3)	To shout. To exclaim. To cry out.
549. (ts'au) tsau(2)	To snatch. To rob.
550. (ts'au) tsau(1)	A gun. (CL. Joe)(1)
551. (on) on(3)	A low case. (CL. (3) green)
552. (tsau) dzau(2)	To run. To go away.
Combinations:	
11. Tsau(1) (2) yeh.	To steal things.
12. Dah(2) kip(3).	To rob.
13. Shau(2) tsau(1).	A pistol.
14. On(2) tsau(2).	A low case.
15. Kip(3) on(3).	A robbery case.
16. Boh(3) on(3).	To report a case.
General Expressions:	
7. (2) Yee (1) wal.	To take to be.
8. Jee(2) (3) boh.	To halt.
9. (1) Yau(1) mah-Day(2)	The Yaumati Police Station.
10. Chayue(1) gwon(2).	Kowloon City.
11. Gau(2) (1) loong(1) Sheng.	The Kowloon City Police Station.
12. Gau(2) (1) loong(1) Sheng.	Chenay(1) gwon(2).
Ng-Woak:	
A. Misunderstanding: (Continued)	
13. (2) Yau (yut)(1) gw(3)	A foreigner saw them walking to and fro there.
(3) ngoy gwok(3) (1) yun	
tal(2) -geen(3) (2) kul	
(3) day hal(2) (2) gw(2)	
shue(3) (1) haang(1) lo	
(1) haang-hul(3)	
(2) kul(1) yee(1) wal	He took them to be thieves.
(3) kul(3) day (3) hul	
(3) tsauk	
15. (2) kul(2) yee(1) wal	He thought that they wished to steal or to rob.
(2) kul(3) day seung(2)	
tsau(1) (2) yeh (3) wak	
leh(2) seung(2) dah(2)	
kip(3)	
10. (2) kul(3) yong(3) ngoy	He, using a foreign language, shouted at them to halt.
gwok(3) wah(2) jeh(3)	
(2) kul(3) day jee(2)	
(3) boh	
17. (2) kul(3) daye-sheng(1)	He asked them in a loud voice what they were doing there.
(3) mun (2) kul(3) day	
hul(2) (2) gw(2) shue(3)	
(3) droh mut(1) (2) yeh.	
18. Gaw(2) (2) laung-kw(3)	Those two persons didn't know the foreign language and didn't know what he was talking about.
(1) yun (1) m-shik(1)	
(3) ngoy gwok(3) wah(2)	
shue(3) (1) loh(3) (2) kul	
ang(2) mut(1) (2) yoh	
19. (2) kul(3) day (2) yee	They thought that he wished to rob them.
(1) wal (2) kul seung(2)	
tsau(3) (2) yeh.	
20. (2) kul(3) day (1) m-shik(1)	They didn't know whether he had a pistol.
(2) kul(3) day (2) yeh	
(2) moh shau(2) seung(1)	They hurried into the car and went to Yaumati Police Station to report the case.
21. (2) kul(3) day (2) yee	
hul(3) (1) yau(1) mah-Day(2)	
Chayue(1) gwon(2)	
boh(3) on(3)	
22. Gaw(3) (3) ngoy gwok(3)	The foreigner saw them run away.
(1) yun (2) day (2) gw(2)	
(3) kul(3) day dzau(1)	
jow(2)	
23. (2) kul(3) day (2) yeh	He then explained to Kowloon City Police Station to report the case.
(2) kul(3) day (2) yeh	
Gau(2) (1) loong(1) Sheng	
Chayue(1) gwon(2)	
boh(3) on(3)	

Bonn, November 23. The West German Federal Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, has committed Western Germany to join the International Ruhr Authority and accept the consequent obligations, a highly placed source close to the German Government told Reuter tonight.

The Authority places Germany's great centre of industrial power under international control. Its present members are Britain, the United States, France and the Benelux countries.

The highly placed source said that the High Commissioners had also agreed that Dr. Adenauer should write to all the signatory powers asking them to hear Germany before they propose any changes in the Statute.

The agreement on the Ruhr Statute is one of about 12 points contained in the protocol initiated by Dr. Adenauer and the High Commissioners last night at the end of their negotiations on the Paris Conference.

Both parties have agreed that the protocol as such is not a treaty and will therefore require no Parliamentary approval.

Most important among the other points is understood to be the Allied permission for Western Germany to join the Council of Europe as an associate member. The protocol makes no mention of the Saar, which implies that Germany will raise no objections if the Saar is admitted simultaneously.

The Allied placed source stated that the Allies have agreed to stop dismantling at about 15 plants of the German steel and chemical industry, including the six mentioned following the Paris Conference.

Most important of the newly repressed plants, apart from the first six, is the Bayer chemical plant at Leverkusen, including the Central Research Laboratory of the former I. G. Farben chemical trust.

The most important plants where dismantling will continue are the former Hermann Goering iron ore works at Watenstedt, Salzgitter, in the British Zone, and the Badische Anilin and Sodawerke factory at Ludwigshafen, in the French Zone.

Germany is stated to have received permission to buy or

build only six large freighters above 7,000 tons, German shipyards will also be permitted to build ships for foreign account.

London official quarters refused to disclose the overall tonnage agreed recently between the three Western occupation Powers for the German ocean-going merchant fleet, but it is known to be much lower than the 90,000 tons mentioned in a recent Press report.

The total agreed by the three-Power Allied Shipping Committee in London last week and referred to Bonn for negotiation between the Western High Commissioners and Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the Federal Chancellor, is expected to be published tomorrow.

According to a usually reliable source, the speed of exceptional categories of ocean-going merchant vessels will exceed 10 knots compared with a normal permitted speed of 12 knots.

Only 20 such ships will be permitted by the occupation Powers. Western Germany has made far-reaching proposals to Britain for increased trade with the sterling area generally, a German Economic Ministry spokesman in Frankfurt told Reuter tonight.

According to the spokesman, the proposals include:

1. An extension to the whole of the sterling area of the list of goods which at present may be freely exported from Western Germany to Britain.

2. Recognition of the Deutsche Mark as a payment instrument in trade between Western Germany and the sterling area, similar to the existing payment agreements between West Germany and The Netherlands, Switzerland and Norway.

The spokesman said that no answer had yet been received to those proposals. It is expected that West German-British trade talks will begin early next year.

The spokesman also disclosed that the present balance of West German-British trade is nearly £200,000,000 in favour of Western Germany.—Reuter.

RAF Corporal Sentenced To Death

Bonn, November 23. A Royal Air Force Corporal, Douglas Lindsay, was convicted today of strangling his German sweetheart and was sentenced to be hanged.

A court of seven RAF officers found the 31-year-old Corporal guilty of strangling his 26-year-old sweetheart whom he said he loved very much.

The death sentence—mandatory in conviction of murder—is still subject to review.

The court rejected a plea of insanity's defence counsel for a milder verdict of manslaughter.

Lindsay heard the sentence of the court with his face grim but untroubled.—Associated Press.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

P.M.

12.15—Roman Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father J. W. Gallagher, S. J. (Radio).

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.35—London Studio Melodies—Gerald and His Orchestra, with Doreen Lundy, Archie Lewis, (Vocal) (BBC).

1.00—Edmond Rose and His Cuban Band.

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements. (Studio).

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—Lunch Time Music.

1.50—Close Down.

P.M.

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—Children's Story: "Winter Holiday"—By Arthur Ransome. Read by Captain Flint. (Studio).

6.30—Antennae by Radio—Given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S. K. Lee (Studio).

6.50—Harry Horlick and His Orchestra Play Some Waltzes.

7.00—World News and News Analysis.

7.15—"Sweet and Sentimental"—Presented by Martin Addison (Studio).

7.45—Studio Recital—By Julietta Tam (Soprano) and Wang Lian San (Piano) with Piano Accompaniment by Betty Brown. (Studio).

8.00—"From the Editor's" (London Relay).

8.10—Sports Preview. (Studio).

8.15—"Music Lovers' Hour"—Classical Request Programme Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio).

9.15—"No other Tiger"—A Novel by A. E. W. Mason. Part 9. Adapted for Broadcast by Norman Edwards. (BBC).

9.45—"Compass of the Week"—Hugo S. Wolf. (Studio).

10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay).

10.15—Weather Report.

10.30—London Studio Melodies—A Programme of Continuous Music by the Macquerens. (Studio). Wilfred Perry (Piano) (BBC).

10.45—Recent Releases of Popular Songs.

11.15—Weather Report and World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay).

11.30—Close Down.

ANGLO-BURMESE TRADE TALKS

Mr. Arthur Bottomley, the Overseas Trade Minister, and Mr. J. E. Maung, the Burmese Foreign Minister, are expected to begin talks here shortly for an Anglo-Burmese trade treaty.

The Burmese Foreign Minister is expected here on his way home from the United States. When Britain transferred power to Burma two years ago, provision was made for a commercial treaty governing trade relations but this has not yet been settled.—Reuter.

TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP

London, November 23. British trade unions had an aggregate membership of 9,301,000 at the end of 1945, the highest figure ever recorded, the Ministry of Labour Gazette disclosed today. The number of men was 7,632,000.—Reuter.

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BAGGAGE: Also passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co. Godown at No. 3 GATE CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE by NOON on THURSDAY the 24th NOVEMBER.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co's Godown for loading on board by ship's agents only.

EMBARKATION: Will take place between 9.30 AM and 11 AM on FRIDAY the 25th NOVEMBER.

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a.s. "CORFU"	18th January	18th February

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a.s. "CORFU"	18th November	18th December
a.s. "CANTON"	18th December	19th January
a.s. "CARTRIDGE"	18th January	18th February
a.s. "CORFU"	17th February	18th March
a.s. "CANTON"	17th March	17th April
a.s. "CARTRIDGE"	14th April	14th May

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

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a.s. "BURAT"	12nd December	London & Continent via Genoa & Straits.

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MANILA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG" 28th Dec.	1st Dec.
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJITALENGKA" 3rd Dec.	29th Nov.
"VAN HEUTS" 15th Dec.	10th Dec.

* Calling Singapore only.

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"STRAAT SOENDA" 7th Dec.	
"TEGELBERG" 28th Dec.	1st Dec.
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Dec.	

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JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"STRAAT SOENDA" 3rd Dec.	28th Nov.
"TJIKAMPEK" 13th Dec.	15th Dec.
"TEGELBERG" 13th Dec.	24th Dec.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MEERKUR" 6th Dec.	Early Dec.
"RIDDERKUR" End Dec.	

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Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MEERKUR" 5th Dec.	5th Dec.
"RIDDERKUR" Early Dec.	End Dec.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

JAPAN TRADE OFFICES TO BE SET UP IN U.S.

Washington, November 23.

The United States is planning to let Japan establish trade representatives in the U.S. within the next month or two, a U. S. State Department spokesman said today that other nations are being urged by the Washington Government to take similar action.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

There is only a small business passing, but rates are holding well and there is an absence of selling pressure.
4% Loan 100n.
3 1/2% Loan (1934 & 1940) 100b.
3 1/2% Loan (1948) 100n.
H.K. & S. Bank 1450n.
H.K. (Lon. Reg.) 288n.
Chartered Bank 20 1/10n.
Metcalf Bk. A. & B. 222 1/2n.
Bank of East Asia 109 1/2n.
Canton Ins. 305n.
Union Ins. 650n.
China, Underwriters 51n.
H.K. Fire Ins. 121 1/2n.
Douglas 200n.
H.K. & M. Steamboats 11n.
Indu. China (Prof.) 69 1/2n.
Shell (Barang) 69 1/2n.
U. Waterworks 25b.
Asia Nav. 75b.
H.K. & K. Wharves 115n.
North Point Wharves 6n.
Sh. Hongkong Wharves 11b.
H.K. Docks 19 1/2n.
China Provident 13s.
Shanghai Dockyards 6n.
Wharlocks X.D. 80b.
Raub Mines 570n.
H.K. Mines 01 1/2n.
H. & S. Hotels 11,900, 125n.
H.K. Lands 50n.
Shanghai Lands 2,40n.
Hampshire 11,30n.
H.K. Realties 1,90b.
Chinese Estates 140n.
H.K. Tramways 16,10b, 16,30sa.
Peak Trams (Old) 18n.
(New) 94n.
Star Ferries 92 1/2n.
C. Light (Old) X.D. 11,90b.
(New) X.D. 9,30b.
H.K. Electrics 31b, 32s, 311sa.
Waco Electrics 22 1/2n.
Sundakan Lights 84n.
Telephones 19 1/2n.
Shanghai Gas 1n.
Cud. Minc. (Ord.) 25,60n.
Canton Ice 34n.
Cements 24n.
H.K. Ropes 17b, 17sa.
Dairy Farms 42b, 43sa.
Watsons 40b, 40sa.
J. Crawford 22s.
Sincors 4,40n.
China Exportum 5,70n.
Sun Co. Ltd. 2,85n.
Kwong Sang Hong 08n.
Wing On (H.K.) 72n.
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China Eastern 13ab.
H.K. Construction (Old) 2,35b.
(New) 1,50n.
Vibro Pumps 15n.
Marsman, Investments 9/-n.
Marsman, (H.K.) 60n.
Shanghai Loan 1,80n.
Fong X.D. 6,00a, 6,00sa.
Alma Estates 16-n.
Anglo-Dutch 30n.
Anglo-Japan 30n.
Anglo-Japan 30n.
Butt Anams 15n.
Bute Plantations 40b.
Chomur United 50n.
Chong Rubbers 10n.
Consolidated Rubbers In.
Dominion Rubbers 7n.
Langkats In.
Repah Rubbers 15n.
Rubber Trusts 6n.
Sannaga Rubbers 30n.
Sennaga Rubbers 15n.
Shanghai Kedahs 21n.
Shanghai-Malays 12-n.
Shanghai Pabang 25n.
Shanghai Sumatras 1n.
Sungel Duns 15n.
Tuanan Mains 50n.
Tobacco Rubbers 20n.
Zhangbe Rubbers 10n.

Japan's Trade With China

Tokyo, November 24.

The Trade Minister, Mr. Inagaki, yesterday declared the Japanese Government to support trade with Communist-occupied China.
In reply to questions by the Communist Members of the Lower House, Mr. Yasuji Kasehara, in a sub-committee meeting yesterday, Mr. Inagaki pointed out that goods destined for Communist China account for a large part of Japanese trade with Hong Kong.
Trade with Communist China, as well as Soviet-controlled areas, is desirable, Mr. Inagaki said.
He stressed that pre-war trade with China composed of 25 to 30 per cent of Japan's total volume of trade, and he said China still retains the same trade position as before the war.—Reuter.

U.S. Foreign Investment

Washington, November 23.

Americans have \$16,300,000,000 invested abroad and they are getting a handsome return on it, the U.S. Commerce Department estimated today.
Private investments of this type are increasing at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 a year.
Of the total, \$11,400,000,000 was classified as "direct investments." These are operations by American firms through foreign branches or subsidiaries.
The Department said these paid off last year "at better than 15 per cent." The return was reflected in earnings of \$1,500,000,000 last year, after foreign taxes, on direct investments valued at \$10,000,000,000 at the start of the year.
The Department said American petroleum investments abroad returned a profit of 29.0 per cent, manufacturing 17.0, distribution 14.7, farming 11.0, mining and smelting 10.0, utilities 4.4 per cent. Foreign bonds payable in U.S. dollars brought only about 3 per cent of par value or 3.8 of market value.—Associated Press.

Semi-Consular

However, the idea is that the trade officials will be allowed to perform semi-consular type functions, such as looking after other trade interests of Japan in this country.
The State Department believes that if Japanese trade offices are set up in such cities as New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles they will result in an expansion of commercial relations between the U.S. and Japan.
Several weeks ago, the State Department informed other Allied governments of the plan, suggesting that they adopt it. No replies have been received, the Department spokesman said.—Associated Press.

ULSTER WANTS U.S. CAPITAL

London, November 24.

Northern Ireland is trying to attract United States manufacturers to establish new industries in the North, Northern Ireland's Finance Minister, Major J. M. McNeill, said today.
"Our unemployment figures are still too high and we should like to see dollar interests here which would relieve the situation and help solve Britain's economic problem," he said.
Members of the Government have been in contact with American banks and companies in London and are hopeful of getting businessmen interested in manufacturing in Northern Ireland.
The visit of Mr. Alfred Lillie, of the Economic Co-operation Administration Commission, to Belfast this week is related to the Government's efforts which the Northern Ireland Prime Minister, Sir Basil Brooke, will continue when he visits the United States next Spring.—Reuter.

AMTORG FINED

Washington, November 23.

Amrtorg, the Soviet trading agency, was fined \$10,000 here today for failing to register as a foreign agent, but the fine was suspended.
The United States Government dropped indictments against six senior agency officials on the same charge.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CIR DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Consignees per Company's notice "SAINTE MERE FOIET"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Godown, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained so soon as the goods are landed.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged, dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown's custody, and all goods remaining undelivered after November 28, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before December 5, 1949, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIR DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Hong Kong, 24th November, 1949.

TRADE TALKS

London, November 24.

Britain's trade and financial negotiations with the Hungarian Mission are going very well. But a report that an agreement has already been reached on some aspects is described as premature.
An official "quarter" said that any agreement reached would include Hungarian bonds payable in U.S. dollars, the sterling debt, the problem of British businesses in Hungary and trade between Hungary and the sterling area.—Reuter.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, November 23.

Another flood of extra or increased dividends helped to keep the stock market on the upward trail today.

Buying was highly selective and a number of leading issues drifted lower. Sales totaled 1,400,000 shares.

Liquor stocks made a strong finish. American Distillers gained 1 1/2 at 24. Schenley at 31 and National Distillers at 22-3/8 advanced fractionally.

Motors were strong except Studebaker. Studebaker closed 1/8 lower at 25, apparently because Tuesday's \$1.25 special dividend was not as large as expected.

Rubber issues did fairly well, possibly reflecting announced increases in tyre prices.

Dow Jones averages: Stock 68.49; 20 Industrials 193.52; 15 Tails 48.94; 10 Utilities 39.50.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 31 1/2

Alaska Juneau 3 1/2

American Can 89 1/2

American Smelting 51 1/2

American Telephone 140 1/2

American Tobacco 78 1/2

American Waterworks 8

Anacosta Copper 20 1/2

Aviation Corp. 6 1/2

Baldwin Locomotive 10

Barnsdall 52 1/2

Bendix Aviation 25

Bethlehem Steel 23 1/2

Boeing Aircraft 23

Borden Co. 48 1/2

Canadian Pacific 14

Case, J. R. 44 1/2

Chrysler 91 1/2

Colgate 42 1/2

Commercial Solvents 13

Corn Products 64 1/2

Du Pont 59 1/2

Eastman Kodak 47 1/2

General Electric 40 1/2

General Motors 67

Goodrich 70 1/2

Goodyear 48 1/2

Homestake Mining 40 1/2

International Harvester 27 1/2

International Paper 63 1/2

International Tel. & Tel. 8 1/2

Johns Manville 44

Kennecott Copper 51

Montgomery Ward 52 1/2

National Distillers 22 1/2

National Lead 30 1/2

New York Central 10 1/2

Packard Motors

Pan American Airways 8 1/2

Pennsylvania RR 13 1/2

Radio Corp. 12 1/2

Real Silk 12 1/2

Remington Rand 11 1/2

Republic Steel 24 1/2

Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/2

Schenley 31

Sears Roebuck 42 1/2

Shell Oil 39 1/2

Socoy Vacuum 17

Southern Pacific 46

Standard Brands 51

Standard Oil of Calif. 67

Standard Oil of N. J. 68 1/2

Studebaker 25

Union Bag 27

US Rubber 33 1/2

Union Carbide 42 1/2

US Steel 25

US Lines 15 1/2

Westinghouse 28

Youngtown Sheet & Tube 69 1/2

Gen. Pub. Utilities 16 1/2

—Associated Press.

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AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

The Global Fleet

TO HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO via JAPAN

"President Cleveland"	Arr. Nov. 29	Sails Nov. 30
"President Wilson"	Arr. Dec. 17	Sails Dec. 18
"General Gordon"	Arr. Dec. 23	Sails Dec. 24

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

"President Taft"	Arr. Dec. 21	Sails Dec. 22
"President Madison"	Arr. Dec. 30	Sails Dec. 31

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"President Johnson"	Arr. Nov. 29	Sails Nov. 30
"President Fillmore"	Arr. Dec. 27	Sails Dec. 28

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